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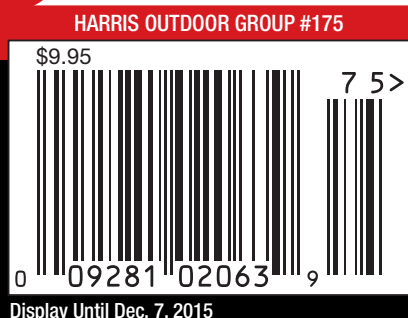
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WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, the difference between life and death in a self-defense situation can rely on two very simple things—the quality of your training and of your selected gear. But while the concept may be simple, mastering these two subjects in the real world is a little more complicated.

With so many choices out there today in regards to guns and gear, the selection of the right products for you can be a bit overwhelming. What type of gun should you get? How about your holster? When and how will you carry? What ammo will you use? Will you be ready to employ them effectively if that unfortunate situation becomes your reality?

Well, we are here to help. Packed within these pages is a handy and helpful resource to guide you through this potentially confusing landscape. Want to know the latest and greatest autopistols and revolvers on the market today? Our informative buyer's guides have you covered. Want in-depth reviews of some new models of self-defense handguns? We're there for you. The latest and greatest revolvers, autopistols and derringers are on display in these pages, with informative reviews on them ready for your perusal. How about considerations of accessories such as upgraded sights and lasers? We've got your back. Want to know how to employ these amazing

products if the time comes? Then read on about some of the best concealment holsters available, ultra-fast draw techniques and tips, and how to conceal full-sized handguns, to name just a few.

Within these pages, you will most likely find just the info you need to make your decision. With selections ranging from the tiny such as the North American Mini guns that can be hidden in a

hand up to larger carry guns like the Springfield XD 5-inch Compact that packs .45 power in a portable package, you will find everything you need here.

We appreciate that you are spending your hard-earned money and valuable time on this newest issue of *Concealed Carry Handguns*. Dive right in and find out just what you need. We are sure that you will not be disappointed. Stay safe. 🔫



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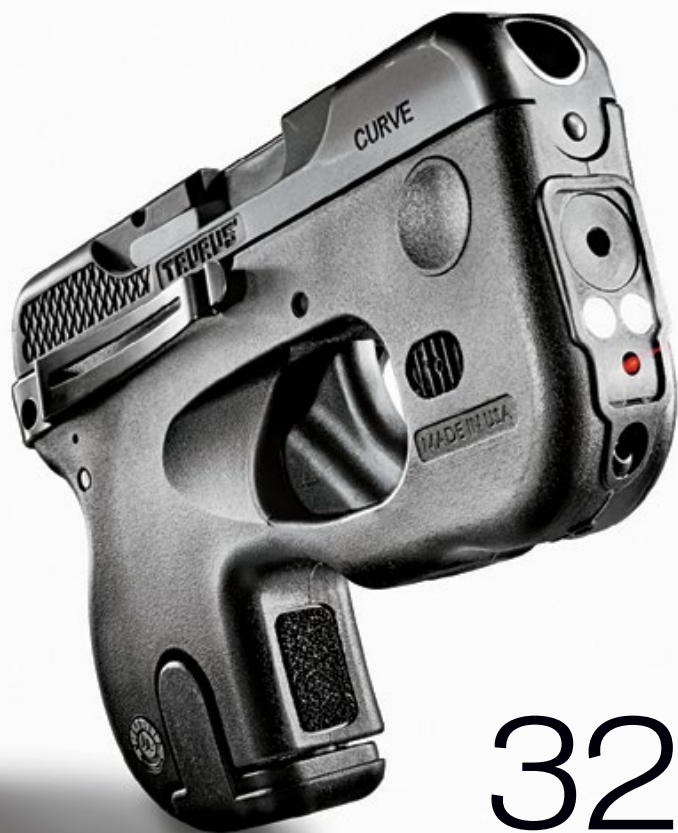
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CONCEALED

Maximize your everyday-carry skills and mindset!

BY PAUL CARLSON



Gun safety rules always need to be a top priority for everyone who carries a gun.

1. Handle With Care

If you carry or plan on carrying concealed, you will be handling your gun a lot. You will need to load and unload your handgun, holster and unholster it, clean and repair it as well as store it appropriately. Everyone that carries concealed needs to perform these essential but rudimentary tasks on a regular basis.

In order to keep yourself and those around you safe while you are routinely handling your handgun, you need to make sure you are paying attention to safe gun handling. Safe gun handling requires that you know and follow basic gun safety rules, and it requires that you store your guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized users at any time.

Remember, you made the choice to have defensive firearms as part of your life, to increase your safety and the safety of those that you love. Making gun safety a top priority ensures that your defensive handgun does not become an additional risk to you or your family.



All of your hardware must work together when the cards are stacked against you.

2. Get Compatible Gear

Today it's not terribly difficult to find a reliable defensive handgun for concealed carry. Quality manufacturers and quality information make choices easier and easier. What can be difficult, however, is making sure that all of the pieces of your concealed-carry system work together.

Remember, it isn't just about the gun. Your defensive handgun needs to function reliably with your ammunition. It also needs to be carried in a holster/belt combination that is comfortable, concealable, safe and secure while allowing quick access for a draw when needed. Finally, it all needs to function with your lifestyle, wardrobe and body type.

These variables make the reliability of your gear as an entire system an unknown that needs to be quantified. The best way to accomplish this is to assemble your gear and enroll in a quality defensive training course and put yourself and your gear through a few days of intensive use on the range.

ONCE, A LONG TIME AGO, I sat in the pilot's seat on a commercial airliner. Despite the fact that I was in the hot seat and had all the equipment right there at my fingertips, I was far from a pilot. I was missing major pieces to the puzzle for flying a jet. After a brief moment I headed back to coach, the pilot took his seat in the cockpit and we were safely underway.

The realities of concealed carry are not far from my experience on the tarmac. Just because you have a gun and a permit does not mean you are ready for the demands of concealed carry. Whether you are brand new to carrying a defensive handgun for protection or you are an old hand at carrying concealed, up your game and take a few minutes to read these five tips to make sure you are ready for everyday carry.

CARRY TIPS

Take quality training courses before you need to defend yourself.



Fred Mastison Photo

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3. Learn From The Masters

Making sure that you have quality defensive handgun training should be a given when it comes to preparing for concealed carry. Many people fail to realize that defensive handgun training is only the beginning of the training you need to truly be prepared.

Imagine you are attacked at contact distance. Do you have the physical skills you need to block the attack, gain control or strike so that drawing your gun doesn't result in a struggle for your handgun? Having practical unarmed skills might be the difference that allows you to arm yourself when you need to.

Are you ready to deal with injuries that you or other innocent people could suffer even if you prevail in a defensive encounter? Quality medical training is a necessity for anyone that is really interested in leading a safer life.

Comprehensive training in the legal aspects of self-defense and the use of lethal force is also a solid investment in your safety. Understanding how to avoid legal self-defense pitfalls before you need to use your concealed-carry handgun can help you to make the right choices ahead of time, and to take the proper actions before, during and immediately following a self-defense encounter.

Your cell phone is a quick way to get help from first responders.



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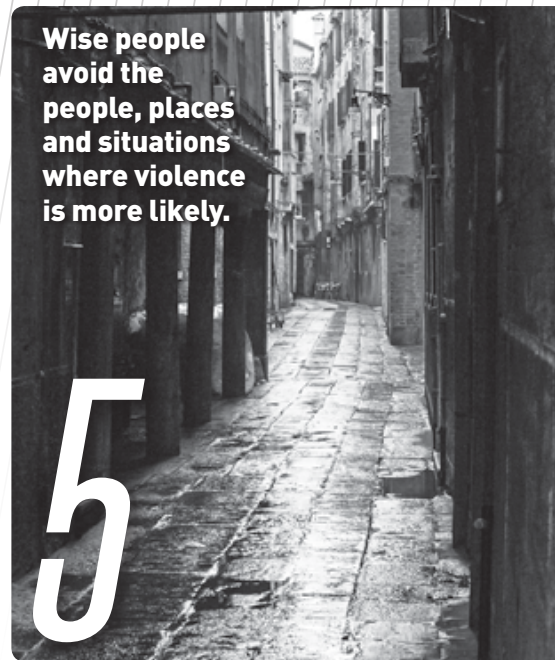
4. Make A Crisis Plan

Your training will help you to prepare in several ways for the aftermath of a potentially lethal violent encounter. One way is dealing with medical issues that routinely occur during violence, and the second is dealing with law enforcement and the investigation that is likely to occur following defensive gun use.

Those two issues are important but they are simply the tip of the iceberg. There can be many issues that need to be dealt with in a deliberate manner in the wake of a self-defense shooting. You need to have a plan, and it should address these key aspects:

- What's the best way to contact 911? What needs to be communicated to the dispatchers to get the assistance you need as quickly as possible?
- Where, when and how will you reunite with other people you are with? What should your family do if you are involved in a defensive shooting situation?
- What are ways that you can avoid being identified as a "bad guy" to other legally armed citizens and responding law enforcement officers?
- How will you make sure that the scene is both safe and secure so that you are not forced to continue using your firearm for personal defense? How will you ensure that key evidence remains available for gathering and investigation once the police arrive?

Wise people avoid the people, places and situations where violence is more likely.



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5. Minimize Your Risk

During a recent trip, I spent several days in a state that has no provision for concealed-carry reciprocity. Of course, this means I was not carrying a concealed handgun. Would you be surprised to find out that this had no effect on my behavior? It's true.

I have committed to avoid violence regardless of the skills or the tools that I possess. I refuse to take risks just because I am armed, and you should not either. I have no desire to argue over a parking space, interfere in someone else's business or head to a "rough part of town" unless I absolutely have to.

Why? Violence is unpredictable, and even if you do everything "right" you can still lose. Work to avoid violence and you will be less likely to have to deal with the effects of violence.

Of course, there are times when violence comes looking for you. When that is the case it is time to act. Do so and act decisively. When there is another option, however, take it. Avoidance will minimize your exposure to violence and its nasty consequences. Avoidance needs to be a major component of your preparedness to carry a concealed handgun.

Of course, there is more to concealed carry than just these five tips. Preparing to deal with violence is best attacked through a constant process of refining your mindset, skills and tools. If you tend to these five areas, you will have built a solid foundation for concealed carry and increase your everyday readiness. 🔫

KIMBER GEMS

The Diamond Ultra II in 9mm or .45 ACP has a 3-inch barrel and capacity of 7+1 in .45 ACP and 8+1 in 9mm. Carry weight is a modest 25 ounces unloaded and overall length is 6.8 inches.



Blend unique style with go-anywhere protection! BY DENNIS ADLER

THEY SAY THAT BEAUTY is only skin deep, but when the object of that beauty is a Kimber, skin deep is more than enough. When Kimber came out with the Sapphire Ultra II, based on its Ultra Aegis II 9mm with a 3-inch barrel, it became a gun that raised eyebrows because the first impression was, “It’s a woman’s gun with a glitzy sapphire gemstone glow.” But the more you looked at it and handled it, the more you liked it. It’s not gender specific, it is a sharp-looking, eye-catching finish on an otherwise handcrafted 9mm pistol.

The 9mm Sapphire Ultra II, Solo Carry Sapphire and Sapphire Pro

II use Kimber’s satin silver, KimPro II-finished aluminum frame and a cut scroll engraved slide that’s finished in an iridescent blue similar in brilliance to nitrite blue. But unlike traditional nitrite blue finishes, which are easily worn, the PVD blue finish on the Kimber models is exceptionally durable and very easy to keep clean without fear of wearing down the finish. The same brilliant sapphire blue hue is also on the slide release, the ambidextrous thumb safety, the dual magazine releases and even the hex-head screws securing the ball-milled Micarta or G10 Grips.

To provide a subtle contrast, Kimber’s

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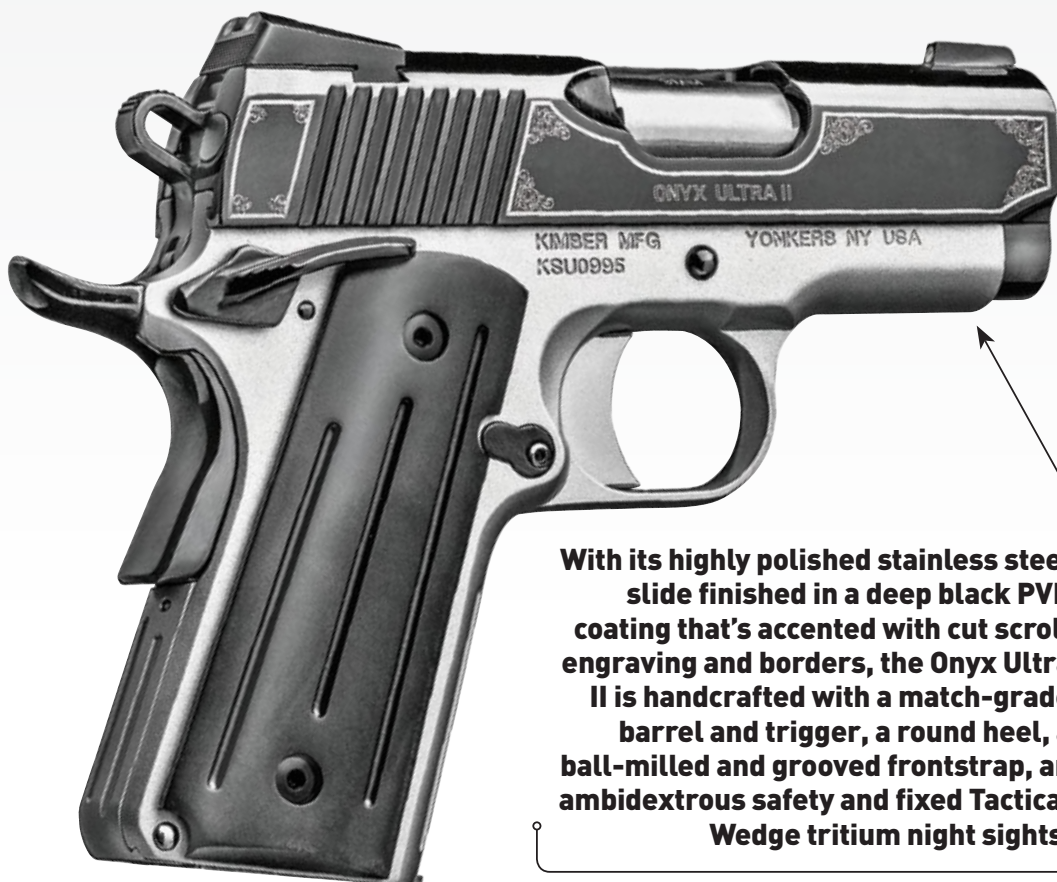
KIMBER DIAMOND ULTRA II

Caliber	9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	6.8 inches
Weight	25 ounces (EMPTY)
Grips	Aluminum
Sights	Tactical Wedge night
Action	SA
Finish	Kim Pro II frame, stainless slide
Capacity	7+1 (.45), 8+1 (9mm)
MSRP	\$1,652



The Kimber Solo Sapphire defines the 9mm pocket pistol category. A mere 5.5 inches in length, 3.9 inches in height and a scant 0.995 inches in width, the Solo weighs a mere 17 ounces unloaded.

SPECIFICATIONS	
KIMBER SOLO CARRY SAPPHIRE	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	2.7 inches
OA Length	5.5 inches
Weight	17 ounces (empty)
Grips	G10
Sights	Tritium three-dot night
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Kim Pro II frame, blue PVD slide
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$1,291



With its highly polished stainless steel slide finished in a deep black PVD coating that's accented with cut scroll engraving and borders, the Onyx Ultra II is handcrafted with a match-grade barrel and trigger, a round heel, a ball-milled and grooved frontstrap, an ambidextrous safety and fixed Tactical Wedge tritium night sights.

SPECIFICATIONS	
KIMBER ONYX ULTRA II	
Caliber	9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	6.8 inches
Weight	25 ounces (EMPTY)
Grips	Micarta
Sights	Tactical Wedge night
Action	SA
Finish	Kim Pro II frame, black PVD slide
Capacity	7+1 (.45), 8+1 (9mm)
MSRP	\$1,652



The Micro Sapphire has a bright blue slide with border scroll engraving. The same hue is also on the slide release, thumb safety, mag release and the hex-head screws securing the grips.

SPECIFICATIONS	
KIMBER MICRO SAPPHIRE	
Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	2.75 inches
OA Length	5.6 inches
Weight	13.4 ounces (empty)
Grips	G10
Sights	Tritium three-dot night
Action	SA
Finish	Anodized frame, blue PVD slide
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$1,014

KIMBER GEMS



The 9mm Sapphire Ultra II truly defines custom grade. This striking personal defense pistol combines dynamic style with all of Kimber's established performance-enhancing features, including its proven bushing-less bull barrel design, a full-length guide rod and its aluminum, match-grade trigger system.

SPECIFICATIONS

SAPPHIRE ULTRA II

Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	6.8 inches
Weight	25 ounces (empty)
Grips	G10
Sights	Tactical Wedge night
Action	SA
Finish	Kim Pro II frame, blue PVD slide
Capacity	8+1
MSRP	\$1,652

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The 9mm Sapphire Pro II uses thin G10 grips and a short trigger for improved fit for smaller hands. Tactical Wedge three-dot night sights improve target acquisition, and lighter 9mm recoil makes this an easier gun to handle with faster recovery speed between shots.

SPECIFICATIONS	
KIMBER SAPPHIRE PRO II	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	7.7 inches
Weight	28 ounces (empty)
Grips	G10
Sights	Tactical Wedge night
Action	SA
Finish	Kim Pro II frame, blue PVD slide
Capacity	9+1
MSRP	\$1,652



The smallest of the Kimbers, the Micro Diamond in .380 ACP comes with an ambidextrous thumb safety, ivory Micarta grips, tritium three-dot night sights, a mirror-polished slide and fine engraving with delicate scroll accents on the slide.

SPECIFICATIONS	
KIMBER MICRO DIAMOND	
Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	2.75 inches
OA Length	5.6 inches
Weight	13.4 ounces (empty)
Grips	Ivory Micarta
Sights	Tritium three-dot night
Action	SA
Finish	Anodized frame, stainless slide
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$1,014

aluminum, match-grade trigger has a satin silver finish to complement the satin silver KimPro II frame and trigger-guard. In every other respect, these are very similar Kimber models. Meprolight tritium three-dot night sights and a unique look make these handcrafted pistols not only ideal for concealed carry, but some of the best-looking pistols on the market today.

Onyx & Diamond

Gemstones come in all colors, and so

do Kimber firearms, with the very black Onyx versions of the same models, and the elegant Diamond series with its special grips and brilliant, mirror-polished slides that also feature cut scroll border engraving. The Diamond Ultra II in .45 ACP or 9mm has aluminum, ball-milled grips, while the Micro Diamond in .380 ACP comes with ball-milled ivory Micarta grips. Both also come with Meprolight tritium three-dot night sights. In all other respects, however, they are very similar to the guns in the standard and

Sapphire series versions.

The Onyx Ultra II in 9mm and .45 ACP offers the same engraved slide as the Diamond and Sapphire models, but it's finished in a deep, polished black PVD coating. The subcompact pistol comes with fixed Tactical Wedge tritium night sights, a round-heel grip frame, ball-milled grooves on the frontstrap and black, ball-milled Micarta grips. For more information on these eye-catching CCW designs, visit kimberamerica.com or call 888-243-4522. 🔫



THE SLIMMEST 9mm GLOCK

**Glock takes pocket power to the next level
with its new lightweight, single-stack G43!**

BY MASSAD AYOOB PHOTOS COURTESY GLOCK



Glock has rocked the concealed-carry world again with its new G43, a single-stack 9mm that holds 6+1 rounds and features all of the same attributes that make Glock pistols so reliable, accurate and unstoppable. It's only 1.02 inches wide, making it extremely easy to carry discreetly.

IN THE EARLY 1980s, when the original Glock 17 pistol hit our shores, we Americans did what we sometimes do best: We demanded a version that better suited our needs. The first cry was for something in a larger caliber than the original 9mm, and a quarter-century ago, Glock answered that call with the G21 in .45 ACP, the G20 in 10mm and the G22 in .40 S&W.

More demands followed. Glock answered them with smaller and still smaller models. This included a .357 SIG pistol and, in January of 2014, a super-small .380 ACP, the G42, that was literally pocket sized. In the subsequent calendar year, Glock shipped enough 42s to make a visible impact in the concealed carry market. And through it all, virtually all the way through the epoch of the Glock pistol in the USA, there was the cry to "Give us a super-concealable, single-stack version of the 9mm Glock!" That plaintive wail grew more insistent when the smallest of the baby Glocks, the G42, came out in .380 ACP instead of full-power 9mm. In 2015, Glock answered the demand. Behold, the new Glock 43.

Cartridge capacity for the G43 is the same as the G42 with six in the magazine and a seventh safely in the chamber, only the cartridges are bigger and so, necessarily, are the dimensions of the gun. Slide width is under an inch at 0.94 inches. The internals, once again, have more in common with the .380 ACP G42 than with the larger caliber Glocks. The pistol comes with two magazines, one flat-bottomed for maximum concealment, which will leave the pinky finger of most hands tucked under the butt, and one with a floorplate flange that gives that bottom finger a solid grasp. (It will make reloading easier, too.) The handling and manipulation of the pistol, the "manual of arms," is familiar Glock all the way.

Range Time

The G43's weight is a feathery 17.95 ounces unloaded. This is wonderful for concealed carry, of course, but lighter guns kick more. Glock has proven that it can change paradigms, but no one can change the laws of physics. However, we shot the G43 with standard-pressure

"... the G43 is the slimmest 9mm pistol Glock has ever produced, and the lightest and the most concealable."

Deep-Cover Nine

As the cries for a Glock 42 in 9mm reached fever pitch, I found myself struggling to stay quiet. The reason was that, before the first prototype was in my hand well before the March 20, 2015 release, a Glock factory insider had told me, "Take your Glock 42 .380 that we introduced earlier this year. Lay it flat on a piece of paper. Trace it with a pencil. That will be the shape of the Glock 43 in 9mm." That person had told me the truth.

In the first quarter 2015, a few of us who write about these things went to the Glock factory in Smyrna, Georgia, and the nearby Glock Professional indoor shooting range to test-drive the G43. While it wasn't a "baby Glock" G26 that had been trimmed down, it instead felt more like the Glock 42 on a rather mild dose of steroids.

115-grain FMJ ammunition from various manufacturers and recoil was not bad at all. Obviously, it jumps and impacts the hand more than the .380 ACP—it's the full-power version of 9mm, after all, and not 9mm Short—and it "kicks" more than the wider-gripped, heavier G26 in 9mm, which is something I can say after shooting the G43 and G26 side by side.

Shooting two-hand slow fire at 7 yards from a standing position, it was possible to put almost every shot into one hole. I'm looking forward to getting a test sample to my own range and putting it on the 25-yard bench.

Big guys shot it, average guys shot it and, perhaps more important, gun-savvy women shot the G43. And 5-foot-tall pistol champ Gail Pepin from the ProArms Podcast said it all when she exclaimed, "I want one of these!"



“Shooting two-hand slow fire at 7 yards from a standing position, it was possible to put almost every shot into one hole.”



During testing, the new Glock 43 ran reliably with both standard-pressure and +P 9mm loads.

SPECIFICATIONS	
GLOCK 43	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3.39 inches
OA Length	6.26 inches
Weight	17.95 inches (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Fixed
Action	Safe Action
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$580

I put about 100 rounds through one G43. That included dominant-hand-only, non-dominant-hand-only, deliberate limp-wristing and even shooting the G43 upside down. There were no malfunctions. For a gun that might be used for defensive purposes in a compromised position or while its operator is seriously wounded, that's important.

Pocket Champ

We saw several hundred rounds go through multiple Glock 43s. There were no malfunctions I could attribute to the

gun. A single misfire appeared to be due to a bad cartridge.

What's obvious is that the G43 is the slimmest 9mm pistol Glock has ever produced, and the lightest and the most concealable. Less obvious, but even more important for some, is the pistol's "trigger reach," or the distance from the backstrap to the trigger. It is here that we find the most significant measure of "shootability" for many people, depending on their hand size and finger length.

Speaking subjectively, this writer has found the standard-sized Glocks are

"dimensioned" for the adult male hand, with the gun's barrel in line with the long bones of the forearm and the pad of the distal joint of the index finger on the trigger. Shorter fingers can still reach the trigger adequately for control with fingertip pressure on the trigger. However, many of us prefer to place the finger on the trigger with the distal joint of the index finger centered, for more leverage. This is the spot on the finger that double-action revolver experts have called the "power crease."

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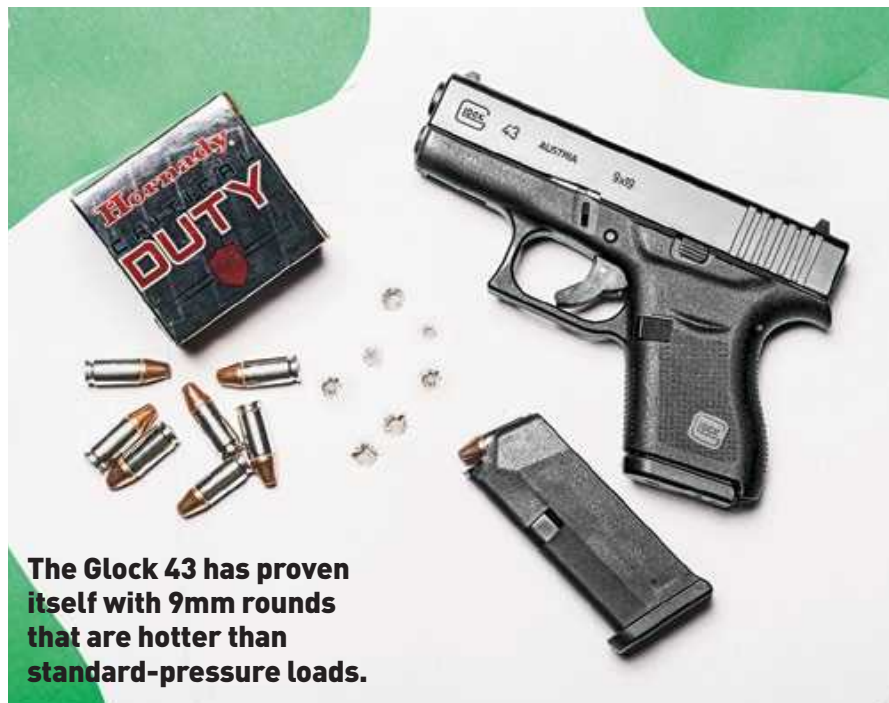
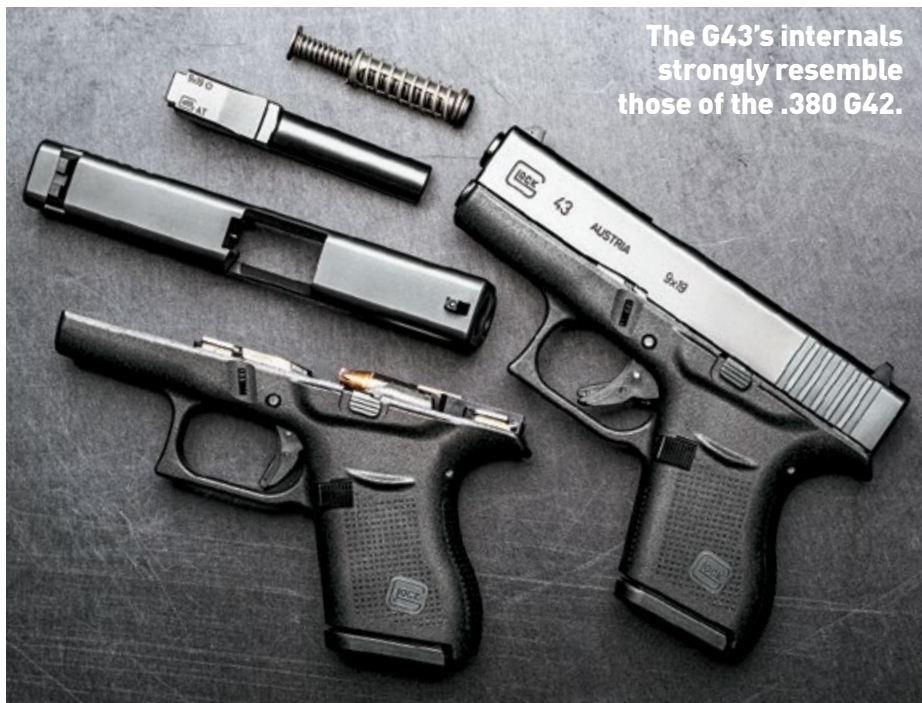
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GLOCK 43

The G43's internals strongly resemble those of the .380 G42.



The Glock 43 has proven itself with 9mm rounds that are hotter than standard-pressure loads.

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On the relatively tiny Glock 42, that reach is a very short 2.40 inches. For my own average-sized, adult male hand, this is so short I have to grasp the gun differently and consciously pull my finger outward from the triggerguard to get proper trigger reach at the distal joint. I've been shooting the G42 in the "Pocket Glock" event at Glock Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) matches since early 2014, and generally placing in the top

five and even winning one such match (Clearwater, Florida, January 2015). But through all this I was fighting the pistol's too-small-for-me dimensions. The Glock 43 in 9mm, however, has a trigger reach dimension of 2.56 inches, and that's just enough for me to comfortably put the distal joint of my trigger finger exactly center on the Glock 43's trigger, the "sweet spot" as it were.

As soon as the G43 went on sale, it

became acceptable in the Pocket Glock category at these GSSF matches, and I'm looking forward to shooting one in that competition arena. I managed to win a certificate for a Glock pistol (in the Pocket Glock category with my stock G42, oddly enough) at the 2015 match in Orlando, and the gun I'm going to order for my prize is...a Glock 43 in 9mm. For more information, visit us.glock.com or call 770-432-1202. 🗡

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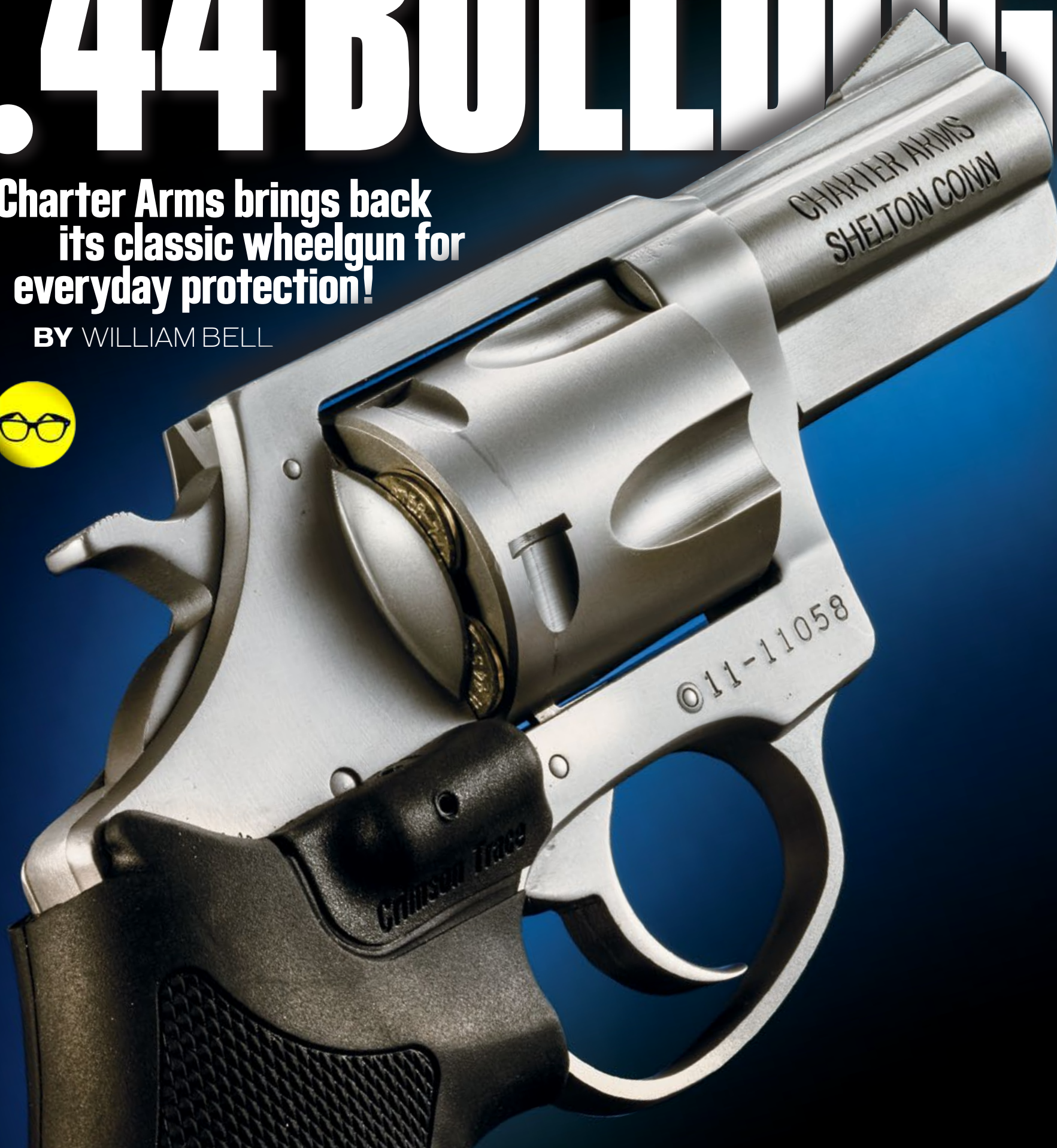
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.44 BULLDOG

**Charter Arms brings back
its classic wheelgun for
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BY WILLIAM BELL



Photos by Hiro Soga

IN 1872, PHILIP WEBLEY & SON OF Birmingham, England, introduced a small double-action (DA) revolver with a 2.5-inch barrel and a five-shot cylinder. Although compact, it chambered big-bore cartridges like the .442 Webley and .450 Adams. Webley later registered the trademark “British Bulldog Revolver,” and it became so popular that it was cop-

ied in several places, including Belgium, France, Spain and the United States.

Fast-forward 100 years and, in 1973, the American handgun manufacturer Charter Arms introduced a small, five-shot, DA revolver with a 3-inch barrel in .44 Special and called it the Bulldog. This carbon-steel-framed, blued revolver with oversized walnut grips weighed a mere

20 ounces but packed quite a bit of fire-power in a compact, lightweight package. It caught on almost immediately and became a top seller.

Due to the popularity of this revolver, the .44 Special cartridge also underwent a metamorphosis. Previously, its primary loading had been a 246-grain, round-nosed, lead bullet that produced



This version of the Charter Arms Bulldog, chambered in .44 Special, is crafted from stainless steel and has a 2.5-inch barrel and a shrouded ejector rod. The fixed sights are augmented by Crimson Trace Lasergrips that make it easier to acquire targets quickly in low light.

“I certainly feel justified in keeping this revolver as one of my primary concealed-carry weapons.”

a leisurely 755 fps velocity, but after the introduction of the Charter Bulldog, Winchester offered its Silvertip in a 200-grain JHP at 900 fps, Remington came up with a 200-grain semi-wadcutter at 825 fps and Federal a 200-grain semi-wadcutter HP that produced 870 fps. Other ammunition companies quickly followed suit.

Classic Comeback

In 2013, Charter Arms decided to bring the Bulldog back as it was first conceived as a limited-edition “Classic.” I was always a fan of the original, so I obtained one of the Classic Bulldogs as both a collector’s item and a practical handgun for everyday concealed carry.

I scrutinized the revolver and found

that it was up to snuff in the fit-and-finish department. One slightly perplexing issue was the cylinder. While the balance of the five-shooter had a polished blued finish, the cylinder was a matte blue that more closely resembled the anodized alloy grip frame and triggerguard.

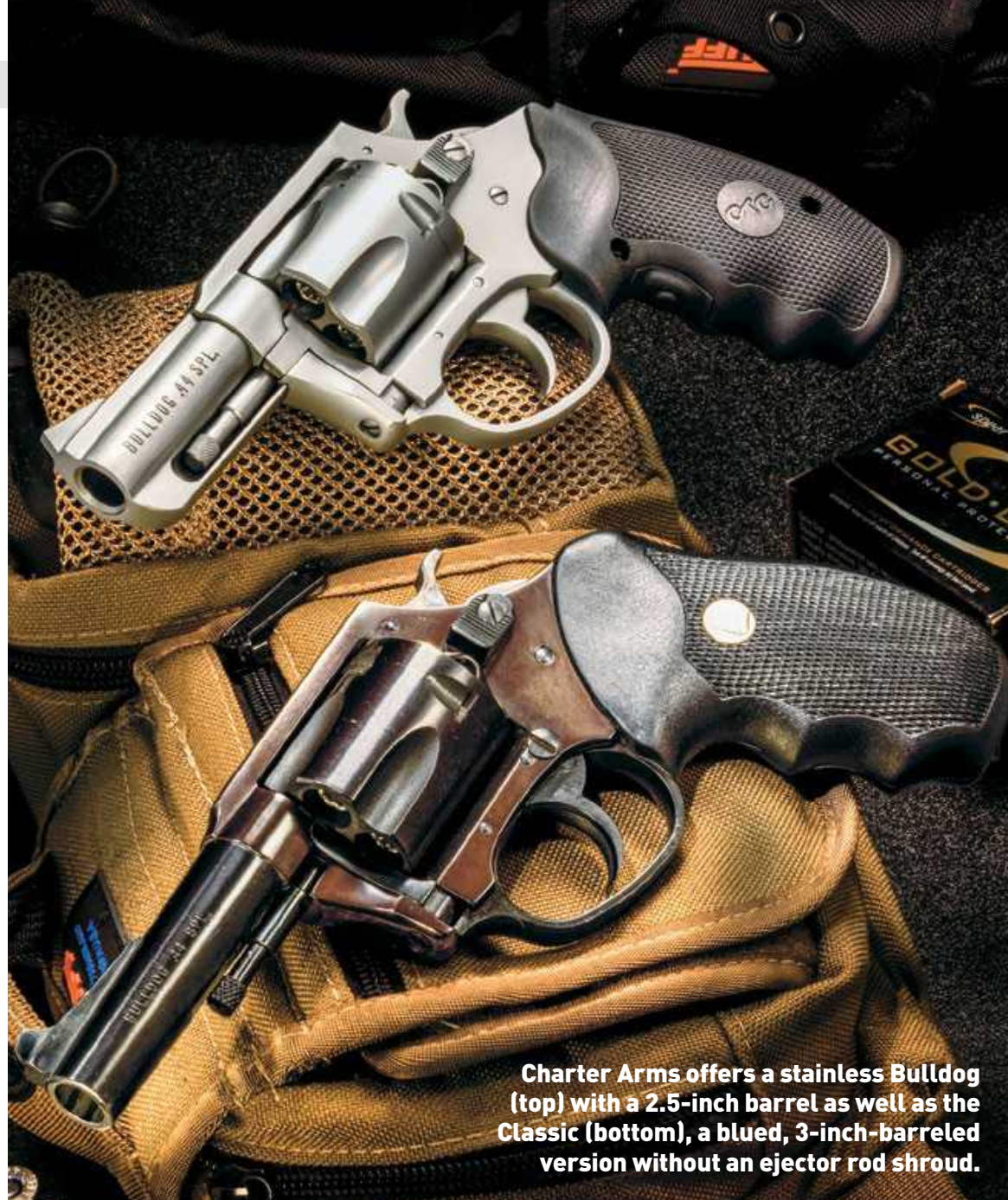
Like the original, the Classic has a tapered, 3-inch barrel, a ramp front sight

SPECIFICATIONS

**CHARTER ARMS
BULLDOG CLASSIC**

Caliber	.44 Special
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	7.9 inches
Weight	21 ounces (empty)
Grip	Walnut
Sights	Fixed
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Blued
Capacity	5-shot
MSRP	\$436

The Bulldog holds five .44 Special rounds, providing plenty of power to stop an attack at close range.



Charter Arms offers a stainless Bulldog (top) with a 2.5-inch barrel as well as the Classic (bottom), a blued, 3-inch-barreled version without an ejector rod shroud.

Photos by Hiro Soga

“I was always a fan of the original, so I obtained one of the Classic Bulldogs as both a collector’s item and a practical handgun for concealed carry.”

and a fixed rear sight. The ejector rod is exposed, which allows the user to pull forward on the rod or use the thumb latch to unlock the cylinder and swing it out on the crane. The ejector rod also figures into the cylinder’s locking mechanism, as does the spring-loaded pin in the center of the “star,” which is acted on by the hand for cylinder rotation.

Being a traditional DA revolver, the Charter Bulldog can be fired in single-action (SA) mode. The SA pull is crisp at about 4.5 pounds. The DA pull is around 12 to 13 pounds and is discernably a two-stage affair with a bit of stacking at the end of the pull before the sear is tripped. The hammer spur is serrated and the fairly wide trigger has a serrated face. The beryllium copper firing pin is affixed inside the frame and the action

has a transfer-bar safety to prevent a discharge if the revolver is dropped.

Gearing Up

I selected three brands of .44 Special cartridges to test fire in my Charter Bulldog Classic. Black Hills has a 200-grain JHP with a bullet that appears to be a “Gold Dot” type as produced by Speer, which is a very well-designed bullet. From CorBon was a 165-grain JHP that had a velocity, as listed on the box, of 1,125 fps. Finally, I wanted to shoot the Federal 200-grain semi-wadcuttter HP, as this has always been one of my favorite .44 Special defense loads. I always felt that if expansion was not achieved, at least this was a big, blunt-nosed bullet with a sharp shoulder to transmit projectile energy to the target.

For reloading during the practical portion of my test, I elected to use Tuff Product’s QuickStrip, which lines five rounds of .45/.44 cartridges on a rubber strip. It is fairly fast to use with some practice and is perfect for pocket carry.

By today’s standards, the Charter Arms Bulldog Classic might seem quite large compared to smaller revolvers and many autoloaders, but with the right kind of holster, it conceals well and provides rapid presentation. My pick for the Bulldog Classic was the Alessi Belt Slide holster. Made of two pieces of 8-ounce, russet leather, the back portion is slightly smaller than the front to provide a natural bend and to prevent binding during the draw. It’s lock-stitched with waxed cotton thread and has two belt slots to accommodate a belt up to 1.5 inches in

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BEST OF THE BULLDOG

There are now nine different versions of Charter Arms' .44 Bulldog available. Aside from the 3-inch-barreled Classic, six of the company's other versions come with 2.5-inch barrels in either blue or stainless steel. The common denominator are the revolvers' heavy, non-tapered barrels with their integral ejector rod shrouds. These models also have fixed sights and black rubber combat grips.

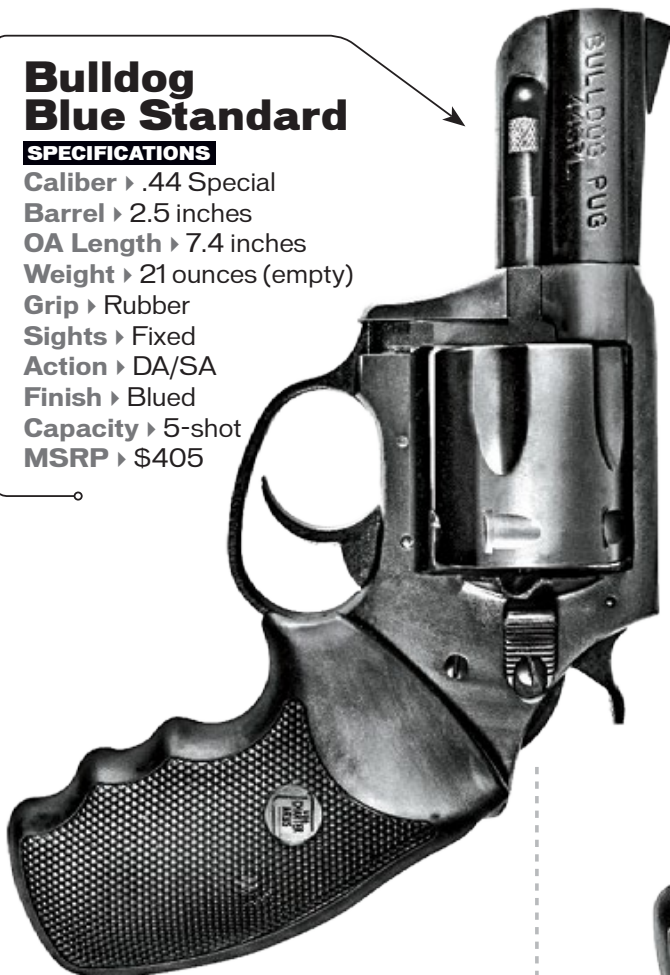
Subtle variations include a spurless hammer DAO version, a model with a green finish and black stripes, plus one with a laser sight grip. The newest version is the Target model, which has a stainless steel finish, a 4.2-inch barrel and a fully adjustable rear sight. The big news for 2015 is a 50th Anniversary version featuring engraving and a gold inlay on the frame.

—WILLIAM BELL

Bulldog Blue Standard

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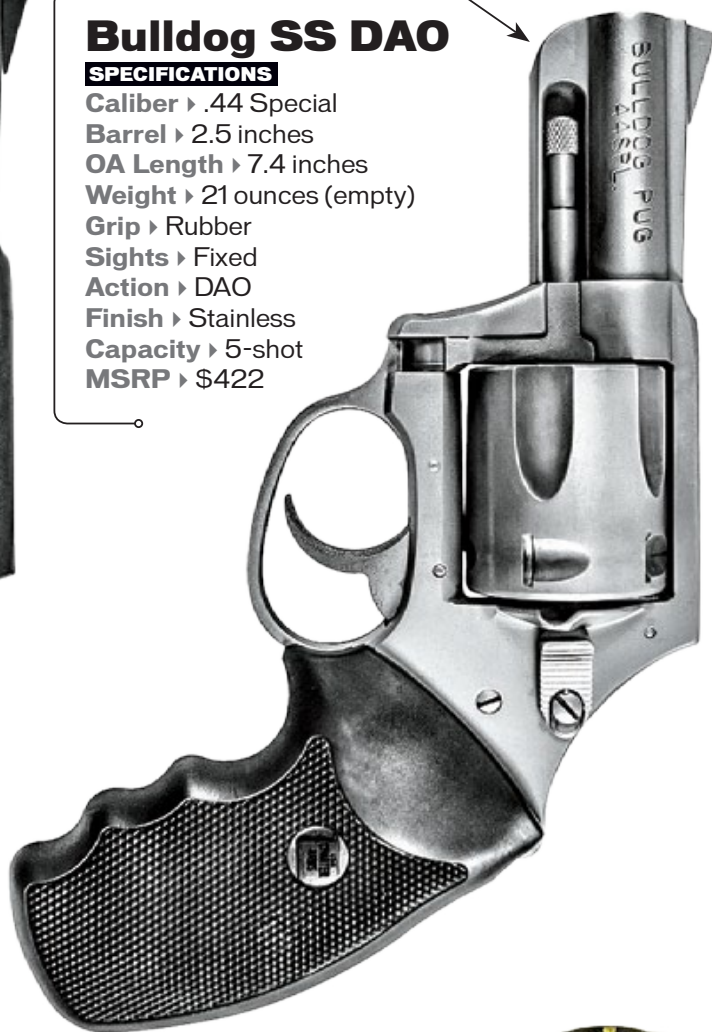
Caliber ▶ .44 Special
Barrel ▶ 2.5 inches
OA Length ▶ 7.4 inches
Weight ▶ 21 ounces (empty)
Grip ▶ Rubber
Sights ▶ Fixed
Action ▶ DA/SA
Finish ▶ Blued
Capacity ▶ 5-shot
MSRP ▶ \$405



Bulldog SS DAO

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber ▶ .44 Special
Barrel ▶ 2.5 inches
OA Length ▶ 7.4 inches
Weight ▶ 21 ounces (empty)
Grip ▶ Rubber
Sights ▶ Fixed
Action ▶ DAO
Finish ▶ Stainless
Capacity ▶ 5-shot
MSRP ▶ \$422



Bulldog Tiger

SPECIFICATIONS

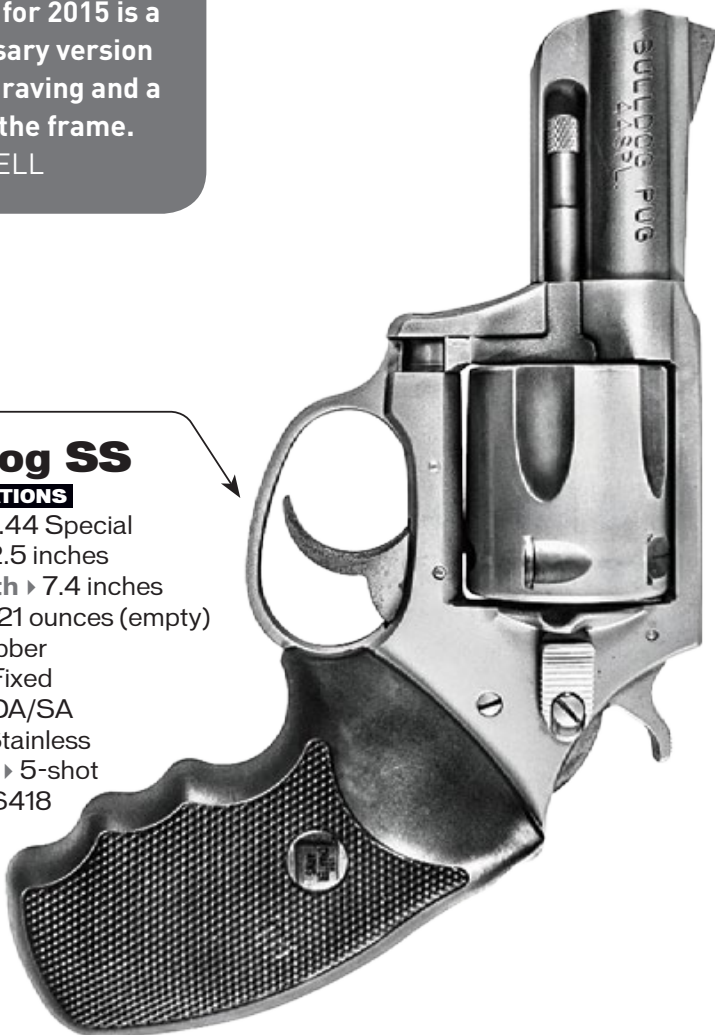
Caliber ▶ .44 Special
Barrel ▶ 2.5 inches
OA Length ▶ 7.4 inches
Weight ▶ 21 ounces (empty)
Grip ▶ Rubber
Sights ▶ Fixed
Action ▶ DA/SA
Finish ▶ Black and Tiger
Capacity ▶ 5-shot
MSRP ▶ \$457



Bulldog SS

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber ▶ .44 Special
Barrel ▶ 2.5 inches
OA Length ▶ 7.4 inches
Weight ▶ 21 ounces (empty)
Grip ▶ Rubber
Sights ▶ Fixed
Action ▶ DA/SA
Finish ▶ Stainless
Capacity ▶ 5-shot
MSRP ▶ \$418



PERFORMANCE		
CHARTER ARMS BULLDOG CLASSIC .44 SPECIAL		
LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
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Range Report

At the range, my first order of business was to see what kind of velocity readings I’d get from the Bulldog’s 3-inch barrel using my .44 Special test cartridges. I thought the velocities for the Black Hills and Federal loads were about what I’d expected, but I was shocked when the average velocity of the CorBon cartridges matched exactly the velocity printed on the box label!

Phase two of my test was to see what kind of accuracy potential the cartridges could produce in the Bulldog. I set up my target stand at 15 yards and, shooting in the SA mode from the bench, fired three five-shot groups with each load. The best group at 2.41 inches was the Federal load, and it had an average of 2.56 inches for the three groups. Second place went to Black Hills with a best group measuring 2.47 inches and a 2.77-inch average. Both the Federal and Black Hills loads shot close to point of aim. The CorBon “Blasters” produced a 3.48-inch best group and 4.04-inch average, and I had to hold at the top of the target’s 8-ring to get close to center hits.

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Ecker is emphasizing that Charter Arms is an American company and all its revolvers are made by professional, skilled craftsmen using all American-made parts. All of the vendors

that supply parts to Charter Arms are located within 50 miles of the plant in Shelton, Connecticut.

To serve as both a keepsake and provide an example of outstanding workmanship, Charter Arms is now offering a limited-edition 50th Anniversary Bulldog revolver. It will be just like the original with a 3-inch barrel, checkered walnut grips and a

polished blued finish. It will then be embellished with scroll engraving on the barrel, cylinder and frame. On the left side of the frame, below the cylinder-release latch will be a 24-carat gold bulldog head inlay highlighted by punch marking. This handsome revolver is destined to become a collector's item and a cherished heirloom.

—William Bell



**Charter Arms
50th Anniversary
Bulldog .44 Spl**

I put up a reduced-size B-27 silhouette at 15 yards and shot what turned out to be a 32-round combat course. I shot one-handed, strong-hand and support-hand-only from 3 yards with a reload in between. Then, at 7 yards, I shot some double-taps with a reload after, shot five and six, then two more double-taps. Then I fired two center-mass shots, then

a headshot, reloaded and repeated.

Lastly, I fired from behind a tree at 15 yards from left-side and right-side standing, then right-side kneeling. The ammunition used was a mix of the test cartridges. During reloads with the QuickStrips, I pulled them out of my right-side pocket and then knelt as if in a covered position. All but three shots

were in the 9,10 and X rings, and the two headshots were well centered. I was able to reload fairly quickly and the holster worked out very well during the evaluation. I certainly feel justified in keeping this revolver as one of my primary concealed-carry weapons. For more information, visit charterarms.com or call 203-922-1652. 🔫

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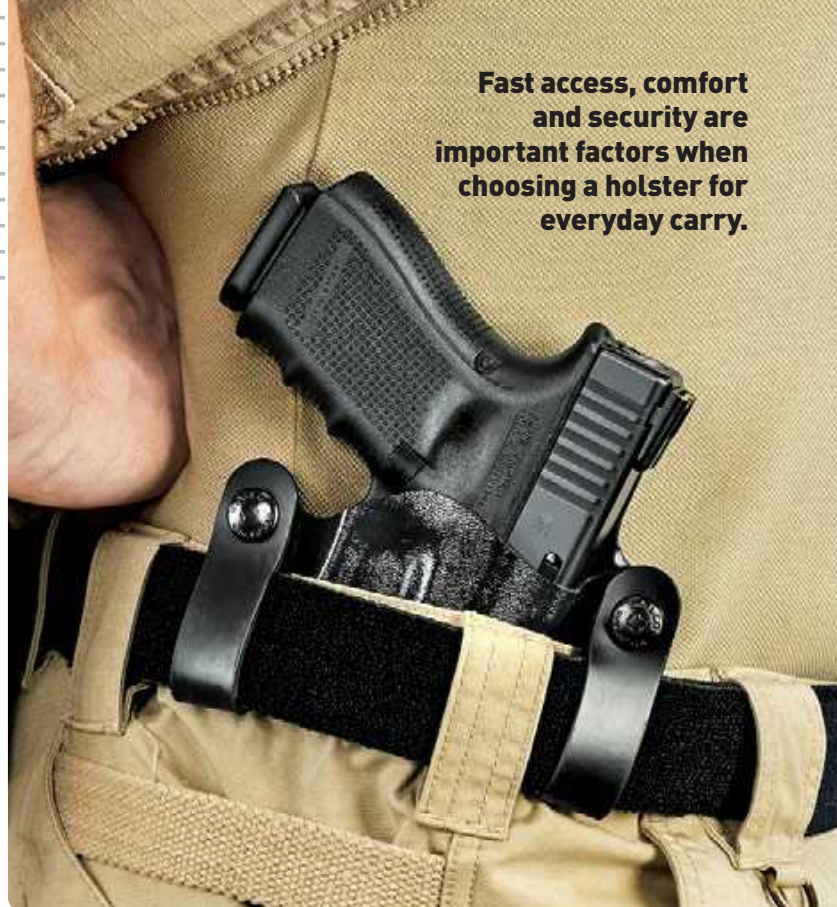


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BY FRED MASTISON

CHOOSING THE RIGHT

HOLSTER is a very personal decision. There are some general guidelines, however, that can help you make the best choice. First up is the question of how you plan to carry. Your two primary choices are inside the waistband (IWB) and outside the waistband (OWB). This decision will largely be driven by the garment you wear. An IWB holster is easier to conceal because a large portion of the holster is actually tucked into

your pants. An OWB holster can be a little more comfortable, but requires more clothing in order to conceal it.

The composition of the holster is your next consideration. In this arena it is truly a personal choice. While advocates of Kydex or leather can tout their superior benefits, both materials must still be maintained and fit correctly. Comfort is the driving factor here. Understand, though, that the chance of finding a holster that is 100-percent

comfortable and “invisible” is a bit of a unicorn hunt. As the great Col. Cooper stated, “Concealed carry is designed to be comforting, not comfortable.” There is no reason for the holster to be a pain, though. There are many rigs available that can be worn for extended periods of time with little issue at all.

Construction is the last point we need to look at. Whether the holster has belt clips or a sewn-in loop, it must be unquestion-

ably strong. Many a holster has hit the ground because belt-loop screws came loose over time. This goes back to maintenance on your holster as well. A well-made holster has no harsh edges and sealed screws and attachment points. If you are going to trust your life to this rig, it needs to stand up to daily wear and abuse. To better understand some of your options, let's take a look at some of the best in today's CCW holster market. 🔫

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Kirkpatrick Model 2145

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Mernickle PS6MR/PS6

The popular PS6MR is a mid-rise leather holster with a short draw. The back plate is designed to follow the curvature of the body while the front follows the design of the gun. When you draw the gun, the holster stays open and does not collapse during re-entry. The PS6 is Mernickle's most popular holster for semi-autos, and it is a high-ride design that keeps the gun in tight and up high with an extremely short draw. Another very popular high-ride for single-action handguns is the PS6SA. This holster has a dual slot at the front that allows the user to carry both strong side as well as cross-draw. (mernickleholsters.com; 800-497-3166)



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**Taurus' cutting-edge
.380 ACP molds to your hip
for covert close-quarters defense!**

BY DENNIS ADLER



AS A CONCEPT, THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC pistol dates back to the 1890s. The .380 ACP cartridge was developed in 1908 by John Moses Browning, along with the first semi-auto pistol to fire it, the Colt Model 1908, which was produced up until 1940. Fundamentally, almost every .380 semi-auto pistol developed since then is tied in one way or another to the first, and nearly every one of them uses either a blowback action like a Walther PPK or a Browning-style locked-breech design.

While one might expect Taurus to have used a simple blowback action for a pistol as small and light as the Curve, the company opted for the locked breech. The immediate advantages, aside from a removable barrel and a recoil spring guide rod assembly, are reduced felt recoil and an easy-to-rack slide when loading or clearing the gun. For the Curve, the focus at Taurus was on taking a design and a cartridge, each more than a century old, and bringing them into a new century in a way that no .380 ACP semi-auto pistol had done before. That is what makes the Curve a new concept.

.380 Redux

The basics of concealed-carry .380s have remained primarily in one of two configurations—those based on a polymer frame or those using steel or alloy frames, blowback actions or locked-breech designs, and an average six-round magazine capacity. Since 2003 design efforts have focused on improving fixed sights, smoothing contours to eliminate hard edges that can catch on clothing and adding laser devices to improve target acquisition.

As for carry methods, the options have not changed in decades—a small belt holster, an inside-the-waistband (IWB) holster or a pocket or shoulder holster, each with its advantages and disadvantages. The only other viable option was a spring-steel belt clip mounted to the back of the frame, allowing the pistol to be tucked into a pocket or inside the waistband. It is with the knowledge of all that has come before that Taurus embarked upon a new concept: Take all of these improvements and integrate them into a single handgun. The result is the Curve, a pocket pistol that establishes a new standard for .380 ACP semi-automatic pistols.

New ideas, especially in firearms, are always a hard sell to the experienced handgunner, but with a growing market in concealed-carry handguns, particularly among women and men with no previous handgun experience, the Curve is almost an epiphany. It's a small-cal-



The aptly named Taurus Curve, designed specifically to hug a user's hip for IWB carry, comes with a fast-targeting laser and light for close-quarters uses.

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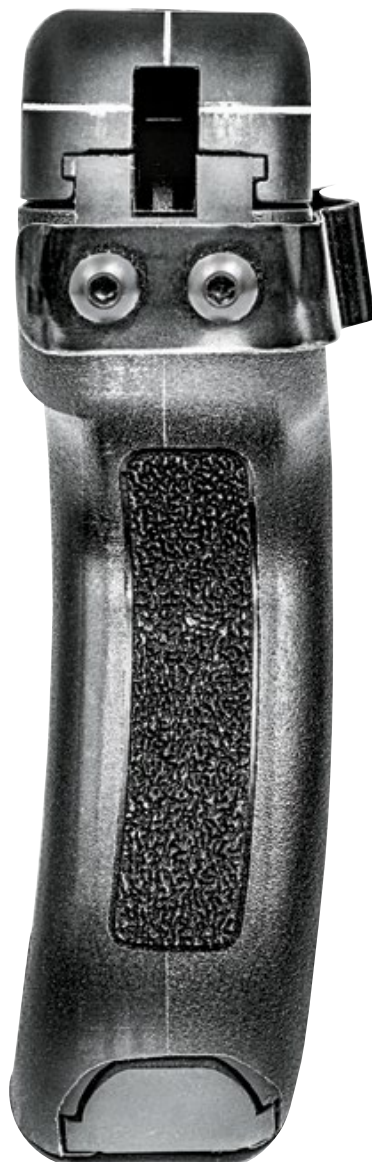
There are established ground rules that the Curve cannot change simply because of the dynamics of how a handgun works. Taurus addresses the locked-breech, double-action-only (DAO) design by enclosing the pistol's mechanisms in an altogether new way—with a polymer structure that contains a steel subframe and slide rails, the trigger, the hammer, the firing mechanisms, the grip, the magazine well and twin LaserLyte tactical lights (that generate about 25

SPECIFICATIONS	
TAURUS CURVE	
Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	2.5 inches
OA Length	5.2 inches
Weight	10.2 ounces (empty)
Grip	Polymer
Sights	LaserLyte laser
Action	DAO
Finish	Matte blue
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$392

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The bore axis is high, which makes it ideal for what Taurus calls "Bore Axis Sighting," or aligning the gun with your target along the top of the slide.



The DAO trigger has a long pull that requires nearly a full inch of travel to cock and release the internal hammer.

lumens) and a red laser. This is all integrated into the polymer frame.

The lights and laser are operated from a single trigger-finger-activated switch on the right side of the gun. A slight touch and forward pressure on the switch activates both the lights and the laser; the same pressure shuts them off in an instant. Holding the button for five seconds allows the user to enable laser-only or flashlight-only modes.

The Curve's polymer frame and carbon steel slide have rounded edges, leaving nothing to catch on clothing. Even the top of the barrel is curved to blend into

PERFORMANCE

TAURUS CURVE .380 ACP

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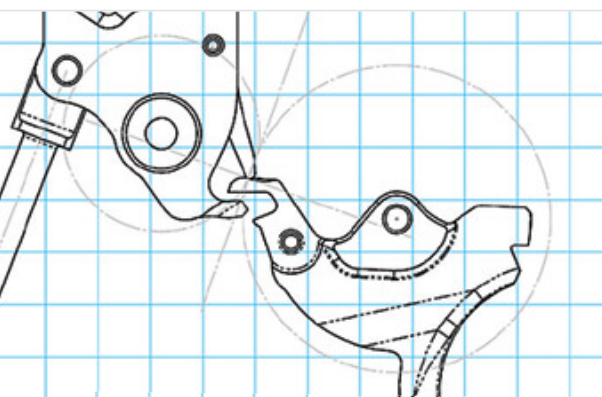


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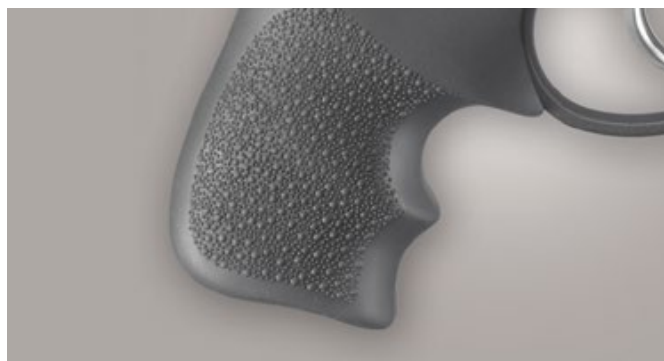


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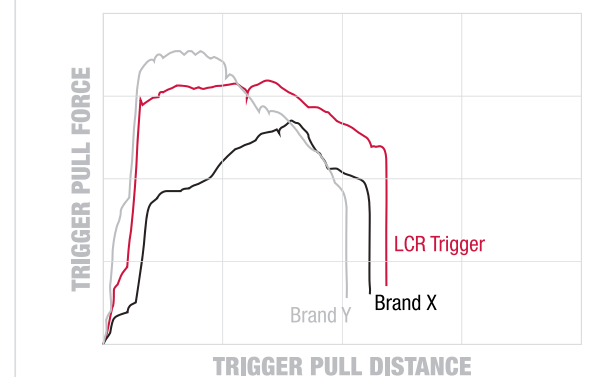
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The Curve's belt clip keeps it secure to the wearer's paint waist for IWB carry or in a front pocket (shown).

the slide. There is a trigger finger rest molded into the frame that allows for a simple downward movement to reach the light/laser activation switch, and a short move back to engage the large polymer trigger housing. The Curve's DAO trigger mechanism has a long pull (as this is the only external safety mechanism) that requires nearly a full inch of travel to cock and release the internal hammer. While long, the pull is smooth. Its resistance averaged 5.8 pounds.

The six-round magazine has a curved basepad to correspond with the inner curve of the pistol's left-side grip and frame. This produces the gun's inner "curve," which gently follows the contour of your body for more comfortable IWB carry (assuming you are right-handed). This also makes this little pistol unusually comfortable to hold, since the opposing outward curve of the frame rolls nicely into the hand. The pistol's only disagreeable feature is a magazine disconnect, which prohibits the gun from firing a chambered round if the magazine is removed. You can debate the merits, or lack thereof, concerning magazine disconnects all day, and in the end it becomes a matter of personal choice, except in states where the decision is made for you by law.

On the plus side, the Curve's magazine design is somewhat unique in that it is its own release. There are no magazine-release buttons on the pistol. The sides of the basepad curve up into the grip frame, and pressing in on the left one allows the magazine to be removed. This is a good feature as one does not have to move the strong-hand thumb to a release button or even take the gun off

target when replacing a spent magazine or performing a tactical reload.

Ever the pragmatist, I tried the Curve one-handed. And remember, this is in a life-or-death situation. Push the empty pistol with the slide locked back into your waistband for support, remove and replace the magazine, then push the rear-left edge of the slide's ejection port (remember the front of the slide is rounded off) against a hard-edged surface. Even the heel of your shoe will do in a pinch; it doesn't take much force to release the slide. Now you've successfully reloaded.

Concealing The Curve

Concealed-carriers have two options for carrying the Curve, and both are IWB using the gun's attached steel belt clip. Taurus recommends carrying the gun with a full magazine and an empty chamber, and to rack the slide to chamber the first round after drawing. Technically speaking, this is the safest means of carry, and with practice most users will be able to quickly operate the slide after drawing, but it costs you time. A loaded-chamber indicator on top of the slide rises when a round is in the chamber, so there's a failsafe for knowing the gun's condition at a glance.

Being DAO, the pistol is no more or less safe to carry with a chambered round than a revolver or other similar .380s without manual external safeties. Once again this is a personal choice that Taurus defers to in the instructions by stating, "Safe carry condition is a judgment call."

The other option for safe carry provided by Taurus is a removable trigger shield, a molded guard that contours to the lower frame and triggerguard and snaps into place, completely covering the trigger. The shield has a lanyard that can

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Fired off-hand from 7 yards, all of the test groups were tighter than 3 inches in the target's 9, 10 and X rings.

be laced through the wearer's belt. When the gun is drawn, pulling upward will dislodge the trigger shield. The pistol's belt clip keeps it secure to the wearer's pant waist (don't put the clip over your belt, it places too much stress on the clip and also keeps the catch at the end from making contact with your waistband). The best aspect of the trigger shield will be in what holster makers can do with the idea by molding this same contour into a curved Kydex holster that will automatically lock the handgun in place. (It is probably already being developed as you read this).

What has this concept brought to the table? In terms of weight, the Curve tips the scales at an extremely light 10.2 ounces unloaded. It has an overall length of 5.2 inches, a width that varies from 0.88 inches at the curvature of the grip to 0.874 inches at the muzzle, and it is 3.7 inches in height.

At The Range

The Curve is a handgun best suited for self-defense at an average combat range of 7 yards. With a 2.5-inch barrel and seven rounds on board, you have a pistol not unlike the vast majority of polymer-framed DAO .380s on the market, only the Curve is easier to carry and conceal by design. Drawing the Curve from its IWB carry position requires sweeping the hand inside the waistband and coming up behind the grips, which, with the belt clip, places them below the top of your waistline. This provides maximum concealment save for the small metal belt clip. The draw is a beat slower than from an IWB rig, which would place the grips a little higher and easier to grasp. Where this gun departs from all other .380s is in how you sight it.

While the frame is curved the slide is

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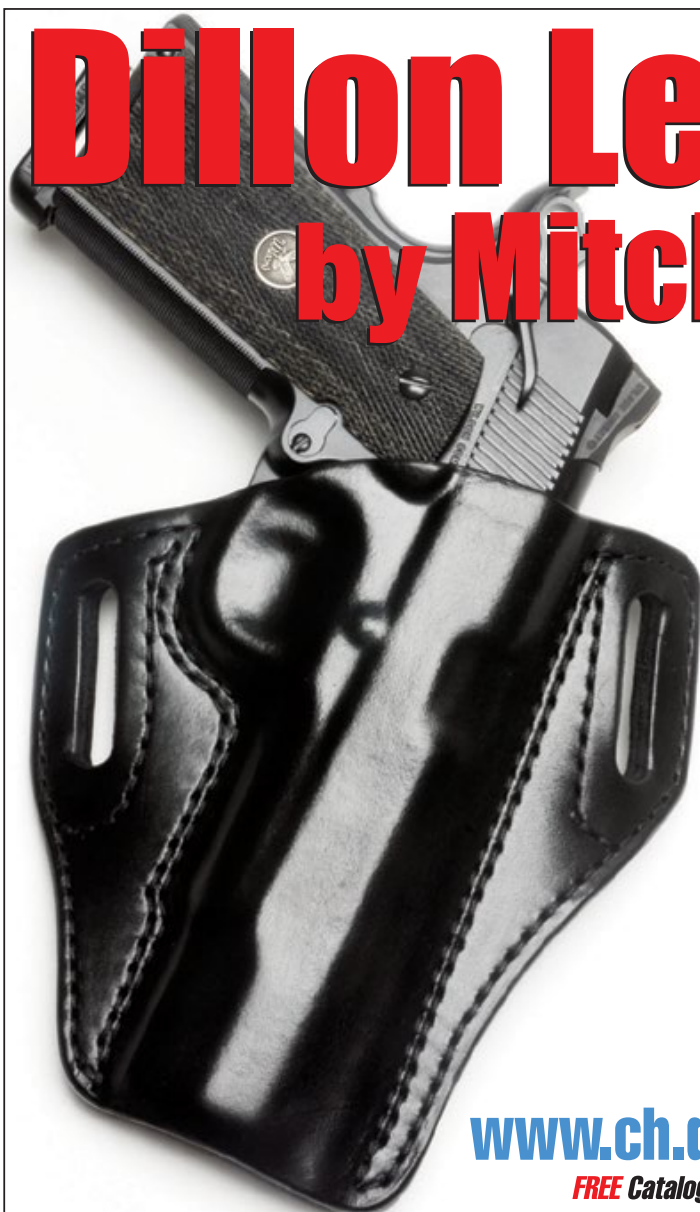
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not, and the Curve has a high bore axis, which makes it ideal for what Taurus calls “bore axis sighting.” Simply put, you are aligning the gun with your target along the top of the slide. To aid in this, the back of the slide has three white lines—two horizontal, one vertical—that bracket the hammer opening. Placing the top of the vertical line on target aligns the muzzle with your point of aim so long as you keep the gun level.

Gripping the Curve is easy enough even with large hands; the backstrap and frontstrap both have deep texturing to aid in a secure grasp with the palm swell and second finger. The third finger comes up just over the leading edge at the base of the grip frame, with the little finger resting under the magazine basepad. The Curve’s grip will fit the hands of most users.

When firing the Curve, the greatest portion of the trigger’s rearward movement is taken up smoothly in the first 0.75 inches, with resistance building to the point when the internal hammer is horizontal to the opening in the back of the slide. Discharging the gun only requires a light pull beyond this point, but reset requires a full release of the trigger. One big plus is that the slide

locks back after the last round is fired, but after a reload it must be manually pulled back and released. This is almost effortless. In the event of a failed primer, the trigger will not reset and the slide must be pulled back approximately 0.25 inches to reset the action.

My test ammunition consisted of one traditional full metal jacket (FMJ) round, Federal American Eagle 95 grain, and two leading personal defense loads, Hornady Critical Defense 90-grain FTX and Sig Sauer Elite Performance 90-grain jacketed hollow point (JHP). The American Eagle hardball clocked 785 fps through the ProChrono chronograph, Hornady cleared the traps at an 835 fps average and Sig Sauer flew downrange the fastest at 850 fps. That’s not bad for a 2.5-inch barrel.

Fired at one-second intervals using a Weaver stance and a two-handed hold, the best groups measured 3 inches with American Eagle and Hornady, both fired at the center of a B-27 Silhouette target. All rounds hit in the 9, 10 and X rings. Moving POA to the 9 ring at 3 o’clock for the Sig Sauer ammo, the group opened up to 3.5 inches but produced the tightest pairs with two sets under 0.75 inches and one flyer. Overall, the Curve does a

good job of keeping every shot in center body mass from 7 yards.

With the LaserLyte activated at dusk for one more series of tests, the Curve’s accuracy is even better. Five rounds of Hornady FTX grouped at 2.25 inches just above POA, with a best three measuring 0.26 inches! Federal’s American Eagle load put five into 2.5 inches, and Sig Sauer Elite Performance took home the day with a best group measuring 2.1 inches. Recoil with all three was comparatively light for a polymer-framed .380 ACP pistol.

The Takeaway

For someone who grew up with Colt Detective Specials and Walther PPKs for concealed carry, the Curve may be a lot to swallow. But for those already familiar with and happy to carry small polymer-framed .380s like the LCP and P-3AT, the Curve is absolutely a cutting-edge concept. Overall, I like the Curve. I’d like it better with three small white-dot sights or at least a trench-style sighting groove along the top of the slide, but it still puts rounds where you need them, especially with the integral red laser. For more information, visit taurususa.com or call 800-327-3776. 🗡️

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Springfield's XD 5-inch Compact .45 ACP is neither fish nor fowl!

BY PAUL SCARLATA

WHILE IT IS PERHAPS best known for its extensive line of 1911A1-style pistols and M1A rifles, in the 1990s Springfield Armory wanted to break into the police market; the company saw what it needed in a polymer-framed pistol made by IM Metal Corporation of Croatia. After some minor changes, it was introduced to the American market as the Springfield Armory Xtreme Duty pistol, better known simply as the XD.

The XD uses a polymer frame to provide superior resistance to abuse, wear, oils, solvents and environmental extremes. Only three small internal components are also made from polymer, and the frame contains a steel locking block that also houses the lower portion

of the feed ramp. The slide reciprocates on two pairs of steel inserts while the dust-cover area features rails allowing the mounting of lights or laser sights.

The slide is machined from solid steel and is protected by a high-tech Melonite finish, both of which enhance the pistol's resistance to the above named nasty things. Locking is achieved by the barrel hood moving up into (and bearing on the front edge of) the ejection port. When the pistol is fired, the barrel and slide move together a short distance before the barrel drops down on the locking block, allowing the slide to continue to the rear extraction point and ultimately eject the spent case. A single spring system located under the barrel then pushes the

SPECIFICATIONS	
SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD 5-INCH COMPACT	
Caliber	.45 ACP
Barrel	5.1 inches
OA Length	8.3 inches
Weight	31 ounces (empty)
Sights	Three-dot
Grips	Polymer
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Melonite
Capacity	10+1
MSRP	N/A

Springfield Armory designed the XD 5-inch Compact for shooters who want to be able to conceal a full-sized pistol without any printing through covering garments.



slide forward, stripping the next round out of the magazine and chambering it. As the slide goes into battery, the barrel is pulled up and its hood enters the ejection port, locking the two units together.

XD's have six separate safety devices—a grip safety at the rear of the frame; a trigger-block safety on the face of the trigger; a plunger-type firing-pin safety; and a disconnect feature. In addition, at the rear of the ejection port is a loaded-chamber indicator, and, when cocked, the striker status indicator extends out of the end of the slide. Both of these devices provide visible and tactile indications regarding the pistol's condition.

While the XD's Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger system functions like a

double-action (DA) trigger, it's technically a striker fired pistol. When the slide runs forward, a wide tail on the striker engages a fixed sear in the frame that holds it to the rear. Pulling the trigger through a full stroke deactivates the trigger-block safety before the firing-pin safety is depressed and the sear is tripped. Unlike others of the breed, the USA trigger has a very light take-up before an SA-type let-off.

The XD has another nice feature that accommodates the southpaws among us—ambidextrous magazine releases. That's right, you lefties don't have to have to learn to handle the pistol with the "wrong" (right) hand! No need to learn awkward means of manipulating the release with your trigger finger; you don't have to switch releases from port to starboard side. Seeing as the grip and trigger safeties can be deactivated with



The pistol comes with fixed three-dot sights for fast target acquisitions.

At the rear of the large ejection port is a loaded-chamber indicator.

The steel slide features wide front and rear grasping grooves.

The Picatinny rail molded into the frame makes it easy to add lights or lasers.

Note the ambidextrous magazine release and hooked triggerguard.

The shortened grip frame allows you to carry concealed without any "signature."

the trigger finger of your left hand, you don't have to do anything—except shoot the autopistol!

All in all, the XD is a very attractive package, and its popularity with law enforcement agencies and civilian shooters has led to Springfield Armory offering it in Sub-Compact, Compact, Service, Competition, Tactical and Custom models fitted with 3-, 4- and 5-inch plain or ported barrels, and chamberings in 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W and .45 ACP.

I have been a fan of XD (and the product improved XD^M pistols since their introduction. While brainstorming with our editor over subjects for new articles, we were examining Springfield's website and came across an XD model that neither of us had been aware of—the XD 5-inch Compact Black.

Gun Details

While we at first thought that "5 inches" and "compact" sounded like a contradiction in terms, once we checked out the pistol in detail it became obvious that it

"...I found that the pistol's USA trigger let me put rounds exactly where I wanted them—and fast. This was one shooting machine!"

was indeed a very practical name.

The fact is that a number of persons prefer a full-sized autopistol for concealed carry. Now, with a proper-fitting holster, a pistol with a barrel length of 5 inches can be carried concealed in complete comfort except for one thing—its full-sized grip.

When carrying a handgun concealed, you should always take "signature" into consideration. For the newbies out there, by signature I mean the imprint the butt of your handgun makes in your concealment garment. For the knowledgeable among us, this signature is a visible indication that you are carrying a handgun.

The problem can be made worse if

you live in an area where the weather requires you to wear light clothing. In some jurisdictions, CCW permit holders are discouraged, if not forbidden, to let anyone know you are carrying a handgun. So signature should be a prime consideration when you choose your CCW handgun and the clothing you wear when carrying.

Springfield designed the XD 5-inch Compact just for this reason. The pistol combines a 5-inch barrel and full-length slide with the shortened grip frame of its Compact model. This gives you the benefit of a longer sight radius, better recoil control and superior ballistics along with the reduced signature of a compact.



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Winchester 185 Silvertip	963	2.30
HANDLOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Remington 185 JHP W-W 231 + 5.8	848	2.90
Winchester 230 FMJ TiteGroup + 4.8	741	2.90

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The XD 5-inch Compact comes with two magazines: a flush-fitting 10-round unit and an extended 13 rounder with a sleeve that approximates the outside diameter of the grip. The latter provides additional firepower, comfort and controllability. I believe that Springfield's intention is for you to carry the pistol

with the 10-round magazine and carry the extended magazine for a reload.

Range Time

I test-fired the XD 5-inch Compact for accuracy with four different brands of factory ammo and two handloads. Firing off a rest at 15 yards produced some very respectable groups, especially with the fast-stepping Federal Guard Dog ammo.

After chronographing the six loads, it was time to see how the XD really handled. And in my lexicon "really handled" means off-hand shooting, not punching holes in bullseye targets from a stable rest.

A combat target was set up and, using the belt slide holster that came with the pistol, I proceeded to engage it from 5, 10 and 15 yards. While the commonly accepted belief is that you need an SA trigger to get real accuracy out of a pistol, the XD's trigger proved (at least to me) that is not the case. Even though all firing at the nearer distance was done with an unsupported (one-handed) grip, not a single round impacted outside the target's X and 9 rings. In fact, the majority of them ended up in the red X ring.

The well-known propensity of polymer frames to absorb recoil pulse

was evident and the hot +P loads were comfortable to fire, even with the compact magazine. The extended magazine provided a full-hand grip, which made the pistol a regular pussycat to shoot.

Perhaps the fact that I regularly use a Springfield XD[™] for Action Pistol matches has something to do with it, but I found that the pistol's USA trigger let me put rounds exactly where I wanted them—and fast. This was one shooting machine!

During two range sessions, my wife Becky and I fired approximately 500 rounds through the XD 5-inch Compact without cleaning it and—this will come as no surprise to the XD owners out there—we are still waiting for the first malfunction. I make it a point to always mention any shortcomings in the firearms I test, or problems I encountered. In the case of the XD 5-inch Compact (and I don't say this very often) there weren't any! It's a winner. For more information, visit springfield-armory.com or call 800-680-6866. 🔫

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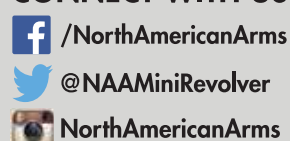


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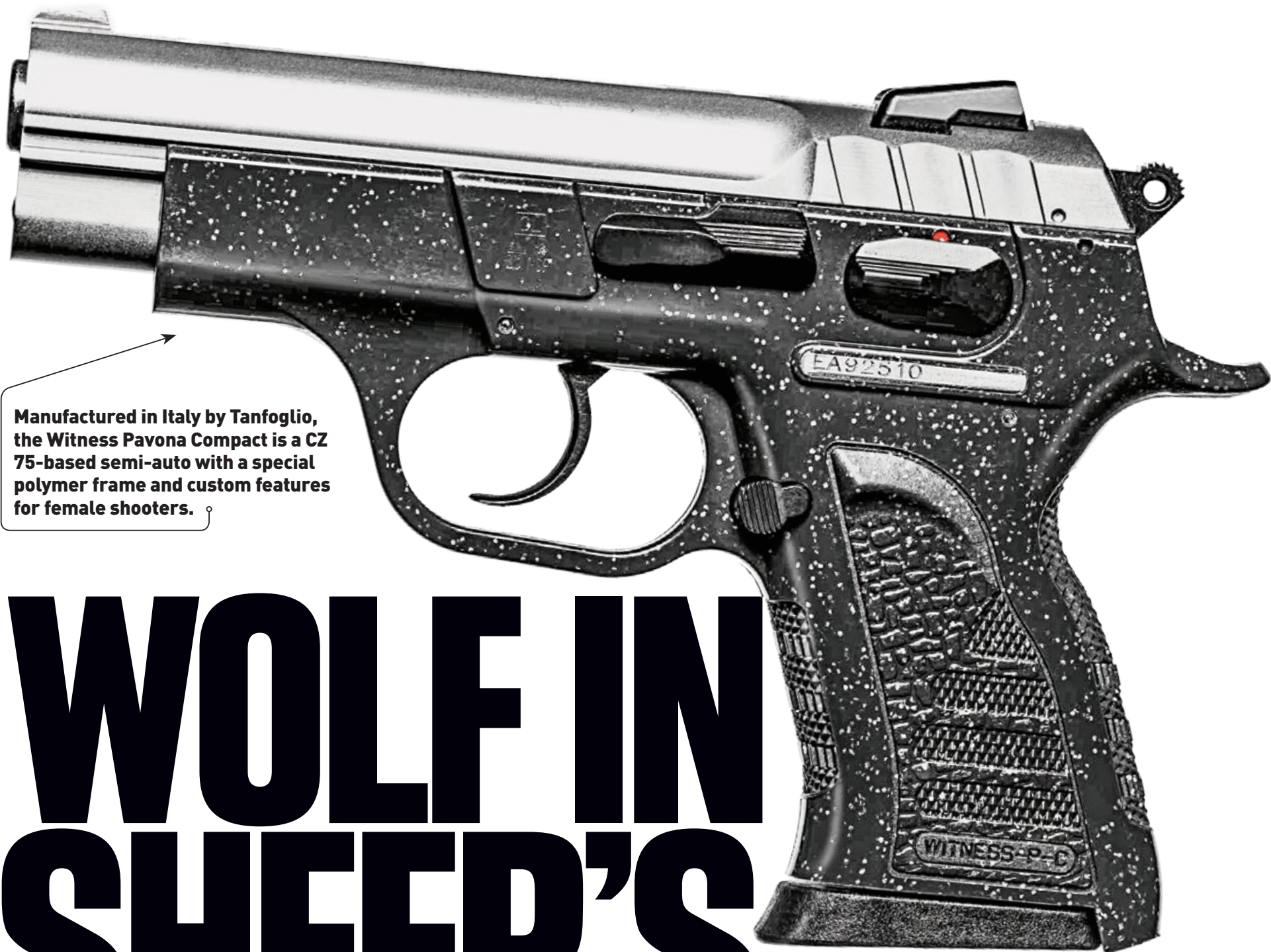
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All of the Witness Pavona polymer frames have injected metal flake accents (this is integral with the polymer material, not something that is added to the exterior, so it is part of the frame). With the silver slide over a charcoal-black polymer frame, the flakes look like imbedded metal shavings, not at all a bad look and the most subtle in the lineup

aside from the blued slide and a black polymer frame option.

Beyond that, frame colors ramp up from Sapphire with a blued slide, to Imperial (a dark purple) with a blued slide, and the very eye-catching Fandango (violet) with a blued slide. The brighter the frame color the more the metal flakes show. The point is that EAA

SPECIFICATIONS	
EAA WITNESS PAVONA COMPACT	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3.6 inches
OA Length	7.3 inches
Weight	30.4 ounces (EMPTY)
Grip	Polymer
Sights	Fixed, three-dot
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Stainless slide, matte black frame with gold accents
Capacity	13+1
MSRP	\$403

isn't patronizing its female audience with a man's gun in a pink finish, but rather a gun that offers some unique color options, easier handling, and a couple of subtle yet distinctive traditional colors in the gray-black palette.

Undercover 9mm

If you know your European handgun designs, you can tell at a glance that under the glitter is a CZ 75-based semi-automatic, one of the best double-action/single-actions (DA/SA) ever designed. This version of the Witness Pavona, manufactured in Italy by Tanfoglio, is a unique model built around concepts gathered from potential female consumers through focus groups headed by European American Armory's Sales and Marketing Manager Sharon Lacy, who also had a hand in the gun's final design and color options.

Tanfoglio has made its own history in the arms-making industry over the last 20 years with a variety of semi-auto designs, including CZ 75-based steel- and polymer-framed models. The Witness Pavona, by design, was engineered entirely with women in mind as the end user. This is reflected in changes to the gun's handling to make it more manageable and easier to operate. It's not simplified, it's just been fine-tuned to allow smoother function and given some added pizzazz from the color wheel.

The platform is a variation of the locked-breech CZ 75 design using a lightweight polymer frame, CZ's internal slide rails, a DA/SA trigger system, an external hammer and an ergonomic grip design with an extended rear tang to protect the web of the shooter's hand. A lot of this also applies to competition handgun designs, making the Witness Pavona inherently accurate with its compact 3.6 inch barrel.



The contoured polymer grip has engrained rough checkering on the backstrap and the front of the grip, as well as raised surfaces on the side panels for a secure grasp. It is more tactile than many grip frames, allowing smaller hands to get a firmer hold. Despite this, the texture is not overly coarse. The use of the traditional CZ 75 external hammer also provides the option to cock the action (which depresses the hammer spring, allowing the slide to move easier) and then set the safety before racking the slide to chamber the first round. This also ensures that the gun is in "safe" condition as the first round is loaded.

Additionally, the rear of the slide has three deep grooves for a more secure grasp. It is still by no means a lightweight slide to operate, but every effort has been made to lessen the effort as much as possible without compromising function. Another traditional CZ 75 feature that makes the Witness Pavona easier to fire is the large, crescent-shaped trigger, which is designed to

allow more surface area and leverage for the trigger finger. Internally, the hammer and recoil spring have been adjusted to allow for smoother operation and reduce resistance, and the guns also use a double recoil spring.

Full-Power Compact

While the Witness Pavona is a compact design, it is not a small handgun. However, it is light enough at 30.4 ounces (empty) not to be an albatross around your waist. EAA also offers a full line of women's handbags designed for carrying the Witness Pavona. The pistol's overall length is 7.3 inches, its height is 5 inches and its width is 1.4 inches. Not a small handgun. With the steel slide and polymer frame it feels a little top heavy, but it balances out nicely with 14 rounds on board. That puts the Witness Pavona into the high-capacity category (10+1 is standard capacity), and for a personal defense handgun 13+1 is a good number. The Witness Pavona is also available in .380 ACP and .40 S&W calibers with 13+1

and 9+1 capacities, respectively.

The Witness Pavona's slide has a fixed red-dot front sight and a windage-adjustable, combat-style, white-dot rear sight. The smooth edges of the combat-style rear make it less apt to catch on clothing, and its rounded edges can't cut hands, as occasionally happens when racking the slides on pistols with squared-off rear sights. The white-on-red sight combination also makes target acquisition easier under more varied lighting conditions.

Another plus with a CZ 75-based design is that the thumb safety can be set with the hammer cocked, down or at half-cock. This blocks the hammer from any movement as well as the sear, thus the trigger is also inoperable with the safety engaged. There is also an internal firing pin block that only releases when the trigger is pulled all the way to the rear. And last, there is no magazine disconnect, so the gun will fire a chambered round with the magazine removed. One other big advantage is that, unlike most semi-autos where engaging the thumb safety prevents the slide from moving, with the hammer cocked, the Witness Pavona's slide can still be operated to check chamber status, clear the gun or chamber a round.

Although this is a gun intended for smaller hands, larger hands will have no trouble finding and activating the slide release and thumb safety; both are blackened steel, oversized and easy to operate. The magazine release is also easy to push and the empty drops out with ease for a quick reload. The cut of the magazine's floorplate is integrated into the polymer grip contour, and the magazine adds a 0.25-inch-deep lip that continues the shape of the grips by extending the leading edge and depth for a full, hands-on grasp.

If you like CZ 75 compact models, it's hard not to like the Witness Pavona, no matter what color it is. But with all of the "adjustments" to make this a gun better suited to women, you might wonder how, or if, it affects shooting. The answer, quite simply, is not at all.

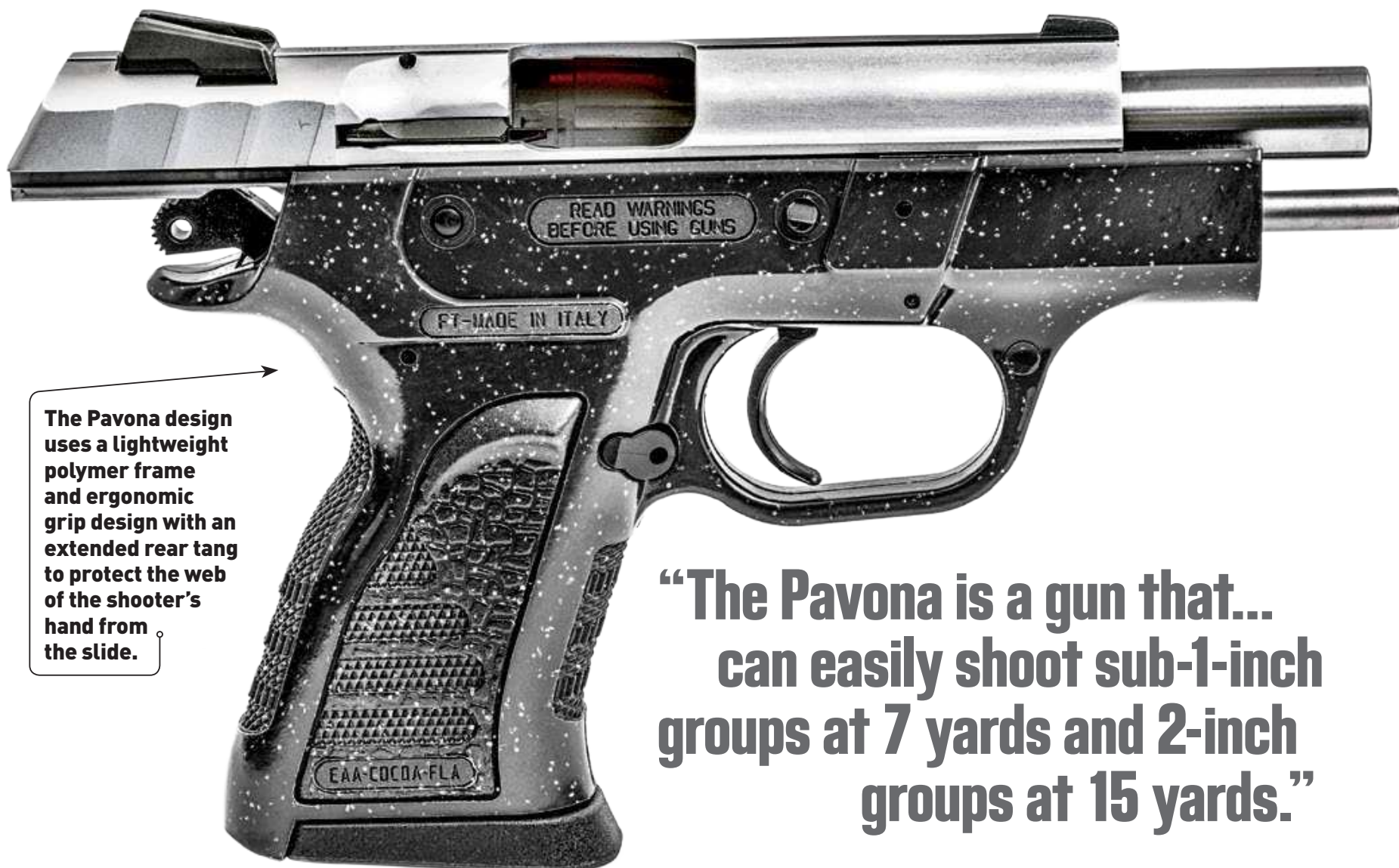
Range Time

Over the years, I have tested and owned a number of CZ 75 and CZ 75-based guns, like the Baby Desert Eagle, and there has never been a CZ 75 I didn't like. The Witness Pavona falls into that category for the most part, as it handles about the same but is easier overall to operate due to the modifications to the hammer, recoil and mainspring.

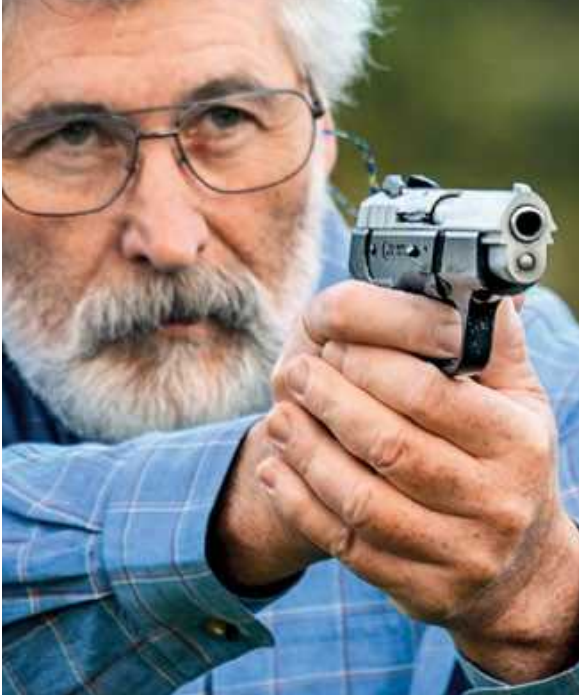
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EAA WITNESS PAVONA COMPACT 9MM		
LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
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Sig Sauer Elite Performance 115 FMJ	1,168	2.00
Speer Gold Dot 115 GDHP	1,189	1.95
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With the slide running inside the frame rails rather than over them, you have a little less slide surface to grasp when chambering the first round or clearing the gun, but the latest, deeply-grooved cuts in the new Witness Pavona models make that task a lot easier. The gun is very easy to load and get into action, and it is designed to be carried cocked and locked, unless you manually decock it and set the safety.

Firing the first round in DA results in an average trigger pull of 10.3 pounds. There is a good deal of stacking all the way through the pull, even when the hammer reaches half-cock position, which is readily heard and felt in the



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The Witness Pavona Compact produced tight groups at 7 and 15 yards, proving its everyday-carry potential.

trigger pull though the resistance does not change. On the plus side, the pistol's trigger pull is nothing if not consistent and one becomes easily accustomed to it with range practice.

The heavy pull is yet another reason you will like the large, crescent-shaped trigger—your finger rides inside of it and stays put. With time to cock the hammer for a first shot (if not carried cocked and locked), trigger effort is reduced to a modest 5.6-pound average, and, of course, after the first round every shot is single-action. The SA trigger pull is smooth with almost instantaneous reset. Firing double-action is something most users will not do until they have to, so practicing DA and SA firing with the Witness Pavona is important.

For the range test, I decided to stay with 115-grain ammunition only, which included Federal American Eagle FMJ, new Sig Sauer Elite Performance FMJ and, for hollow points (HP), Speer Gold Dot GDHP. No +P ammo or high-velocity rounds were tested as it is not recommended for the Witness Pavona.

The highest velocity to come from the Witness Pavona's 3.6-inch barrel was achieved by Speer Gold Dot, which cleared the chronograph traps at an average of 1,189 fps. Not far behind was Sig Sauer's new Elite Performance FMJ clocking 1,168 fps. Federal American Eagle flew at 1,150 fps.

As for accuracy, this is a gun that shoots pretty much to point of aim at 50

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With the hammer cocked, the Pavona's slide can still be operated to check the chamber status or clear the gun.

feet. For the purposes of our concealed-carry test, the range was shortened to 7 yards and most groups were under 2 inches. However, if you take a best three, average groups measured 1 inch or less. The Witness Pavona showed a definite preference for Speer's Gold Dot ammo, placing four rounds into 0.625 inches. I dropped the fifth an inch below. The American Eagle ammo placed five rounds into 1.5 inches. And Sig Sauer delivered a best five-shot group of 2 inches with a best three at 1.25 inches.

The Pavona is a gun that can easily shoot sub-1-inch groups at 7 yards and 2-inch groups at 15 yards.

Final Shots

The EAA Witness Pavona Compact is intended as a self-defense sidearm. At 7 to 15 yards, if a gun can place rounds on target under 2 inches consistently, and the individual shooting it can maintain that level of accuracy or better, you have a good carry gun, and the Pavona Compact is certainly that. It is easy to handle, quick to get into action, accurate and extremely well built. It is a CZ 75 at its core, and it's hard to beat that. For more information, visit eaacorp.com or call 321-639-4842. 🔫

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STEALTHY NINE

Heckler & Koch's P30SK is a stylish, street-ready 9mm—security anywhere, anytime.



BY ANDY MASSIMILIAN

THE P30SK IS HECKLER & KOCH'S newest P30 series pistol. The P30 series now includes the full-sized P30L, the compact P30 and the subcompact P30SK. Because of its features and ergonomics, the P30 series has become one of HK's most successful pistol lines in the U.S., and these features are adopted by the P30SK but in a smaller package.

For those who appreciate the development history of the P30 series, the design was heavily influenced by Ken Hackathorn and Larry Vickers, who consulted with HK in the early 2000s. Their goal was to deliver a winning polymer-framed pistol for the Joint Combat Pistol program, which was the U.S. Army's test to replace the Beretta M9. Though the JCP competition never occurred, the P30 and HK45 pistols were to be HK's ultimate submissions.

Deep-Cover 9mm

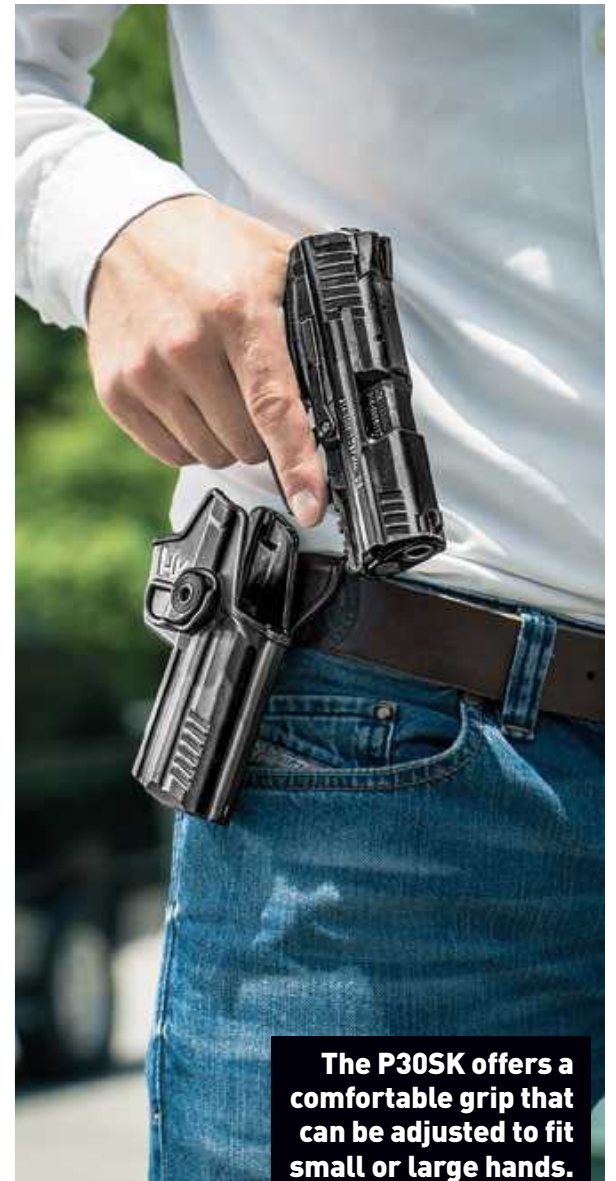
The P30SK operates using the modified Browning linkless, locked-breech design, which is known for its simplicity of manufacture, reliability and durability. At 6.42 inches in length, 4.57 inches in height and weighing 23.99 ounces, the P30SK, with its 10-round magazine, is considerably smaller than the full-sized, 15-round HK P30L at 7.71 inches in length, 5.43 inches in height and 27.52 ounces in weight.

Just as significantly, the P30SK has a lower MSRP of \$719 compared to \$999 for the P30L. The difference in price is not driven by fewer features in the subcompact, however. The P30SK shares the more costly hammer-fired action (rather than a slightly less expensive striker-fired mechanism) and the internal key locking system of its larger siblings. The only real differences are its smaller size and the elimination of a plastic buffer on the P30SK's recoil spring assembly.

Like the other P30 series pistols, the



With its 6.42-inch length and slim design, the P30SK is very easy to conceal.



The P30SK offers a comfortable grip that can be adjusted to fit small or large hands.

“The P30SK may be a small pistol, but it has good ergonomics and a comfortable fit, which made perceived recoil light and manageable...”

P30SK is available in several trigger configurations. My test sample used a traditional double-action/single-action (DA/SA) trigger and a hammer decocker. Another model, the P30SKS, has an

additional safety lever on both sides of the frame in addition to the decocker, which may appeal to those who wish to carry the pistol in a holster “cocked and locked” and don’t mind adding about 0.25

The P30SK is available with HK's LEM trigger. Also note the pistol's fully bobbed hammer.

The P30SK with a Variant 3 trigger offers a traditional DA/SA trigger system.



DA/SA P30SKs can also come with thumb safeties for "cocked and locked" carry.

SPECIFICATIONS

HECKLER & KOCH P30SK

Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3.27 inches
OA Length	6.42 inches
Weight	23.99 ounces (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot night
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	10+1
MSRP	\$719



The pistol comes with a rail for accessories like Streamlight's TLR-3 light (shown).



“...I feel comfortable engaging threats with the P30SK at distances greater than other comparably sized 9mms.”

slides where the slide may be in contact with your body. Its taper towards the top also guides the operator's focus toward the sights. Front serrations on the front of the slide make press-checking the chamber easy, and the slide has a durable, corrosion-resistant finish. One of my personal carry pieces is a P30L that has zero rust and almost all of its finish after years of use.

Perhaps the best features of the P30 pistols are their ambidextrous controls, superb ergonomics and configurable grips. The decocker sits on the left rear of the slide and is ambidextrous, as are the bilaterally mounted slide and magazine-release levers. The slide-release levers are large because they are designed to be used to chamber the first round from the magazine, and they are long enough to easily activate by the thumb of the firing hand. This is a huge advantage compared to pistols that use small levers that are difficult to engage.

Yes, racking the slide to chamber a round from a condition of slide lock works, but it's hardly as fast as the HK method and you usually use two hands. Those small, difficult-to-activate levers on competitive models are also a hindrance when clearing a double feed, which requires locking the slide open, sometimes with only one hand.

The P30SK uses bilateral magazine-release levers that sit on the bottom rear of the triggerguard. This system may seem odd to shooters used to push-but-

ton releases, but it is fast to use and ambidextrous. These levers are intended to be accessed with the trigger finger without changing the grip—not the thumb, which would require a grip change for most people to reach them. I teach two methods of activation: the “slide” and the “quick tap.” With the first method, slide your trigger finger rearward along the outside of the triggerguard to reach the mag release. With the quick tap, simply tap the lever directly with the tip of your finger, being very mindful to avoid the trigger. The Heckler & Koch P30SK accepts magazines from the full-sized and compact P30 variants.

Taking Hold

One reason I carry a P30L is because it has one of the most comfortable factory handgun grips I've ever used. This level of comfort is shared by the P30SK, which also has shallow, wide finger grooves that accommodate different-sized fingers, however its short, subcompact height only allows a “two-finger” grip. The wide finger-groove design of the P30 series works far better than shallow, deep grooves that fit fewer people's hands.

The P30SK's widely configurable grip can be adjusted to change the pistol's trigger reach by using any of three different size backstraps and the palm swell. Changing the backstrap is easy—just drift out a single 0.125-inch roll pin. Interchangeable backstraps on

inches of width per lever.

Like all HK pistols, the P30SK has a drop-safe design which allows it to be safely carried with a loaded chamber. The drop safe mechanism locks the firing pin away from the primer unless the trigger is depressed.

The P30SK field-strips easily without a separate takedown lever. Simply retract the slide so that the square takedown notch on the slide corresponds to the squared end of the slide-release lever, then press the lever leftward, which disengages the barrel from the frame and allows the slide to move forward off the frame. The P30SK uses a newly designed dual recoil spring system held captive on a steel guide rod. The 3.27-inch barrel is cold hammer forged with polygonal rifling that lasts longer than traditional land-and-groove rifling but is suitable only for jacketed bullets.

All P30 series pistols use a very well-engineered slide that is milled from a single, forged piece of high-carbon steel; it has a profile that tapers from bottom to top. This taper makes the pistol far more comfortable to carry inside the waistband than blocky, square-profile

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PERFORMANCE

HECKLER & KOCH P30SK

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Black Hills 124 JHP	1,158	0.57
Freedom Munitions 124 FMJ	1,018	0.52
Winchester 115 FMJ	1,159	0.55

BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FPS BY CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR BEST FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 7 YARDS.

The P30SK performed well on the range, creating tight groups with every round.



The luminous sights are easy to pick up. Also note the decocker mounted next to the hammer.

polymer-framed pistols is a common feature, but the P30 series are the only pistols made that also offer interchangeable side panels of different thicknesses to get a better palm swell. That matters for shooters who really value a comfortable, well-fit grip and who want to keep it optimal when changing from shooting with bare hands in summer to using gloves in winter.

Operating this pistol while wearing winter weight gloves is safer than other designs with smaller triggerguards. The extra-large triggerguard on the P30SK allows a gloved finger adequate access without putting the finger in contact with the trigger. Gloved fingers can cause accidental discharges if squeezed into small triggerguards because the shooter thinks his finger is not contacting the trigger, when in fact he is actually depressing it with the added girth of an insulated winter glove.

The P30SK uses light green luminous night sights in the three-dot design. These are not radioactive, so they will glow in darkness only if exposed to light. These sights are durable and made of steel, not plastic, and are mounted in dovetails and can be adjusted for windage. An important feature that

evidences careful engineering is mounting the sights at the very front and rear of the slide to maximize sight radius and improve aim. The rear sight is also tapered towards the top to quickly guide the shooter's attention to the front sight, where it belongs.

Range Time

The P30SK was accurate and totally reliable with multiple types of ammunition. Accuracy testing was done at 7 yards while shooting SA from a rested position, though this is merely one measure of the mechanical accuracy of the gun and certain ammunition.

Practical tests are more informative with defensive pistols because these measure the interaction of man and machine in their intended real-life roles. That involves drawing the P30SK and firing DA (and then SA) off-hand and reloading, which is a far better indicator of a pistol's design and performance "when the shooting starts."

Combat shooting is all about a pistol's sights, trigger, fit and reliable function. I performed drills to get that all-important first DA shot where I wanted it using the new Alien Gear Cloak Tuck 3.0 IWB holster. This holster is comfortable and has

an adjustable cant and height to make it better fit your body and style of clothing. The Cloak Tuck also adjusts for retention, and the sturdy, molded holster shell kept its shape and hold over several weeks of carry.

The P30SK shot exactly to the point of aim at 7 yards. The luminous sights are rapidly acquired even in daylight and give a very clean sight picture. They were certainly better than some night sights that have a white-outlined circle surrounding the tritium inserts, which, although very functional in darkness, are distracting from acquiring a "hard front sight focus" in other light conditions. One improvement I'd like is a small step on the forward surface of the rear sight to allow one-handed clearance drills by catching the sight on your holster to rack the slide in an emergency.

I found the trigger pull smooth in either DA or SA with no overtravel and a short reset, which makes rapid fire easier since your finger moves a shorter distance to reset the sear to engage the hammer. The trigger shoe is fairly wide, which makes the DA pull feel lighter than it measures. The P30SK has respective DA and SA trigger-pull weights of 11.5 and 4.5 pounds, respectively. The DA trigger travel is 0.55 inches while the SA travel 0.27 inches.

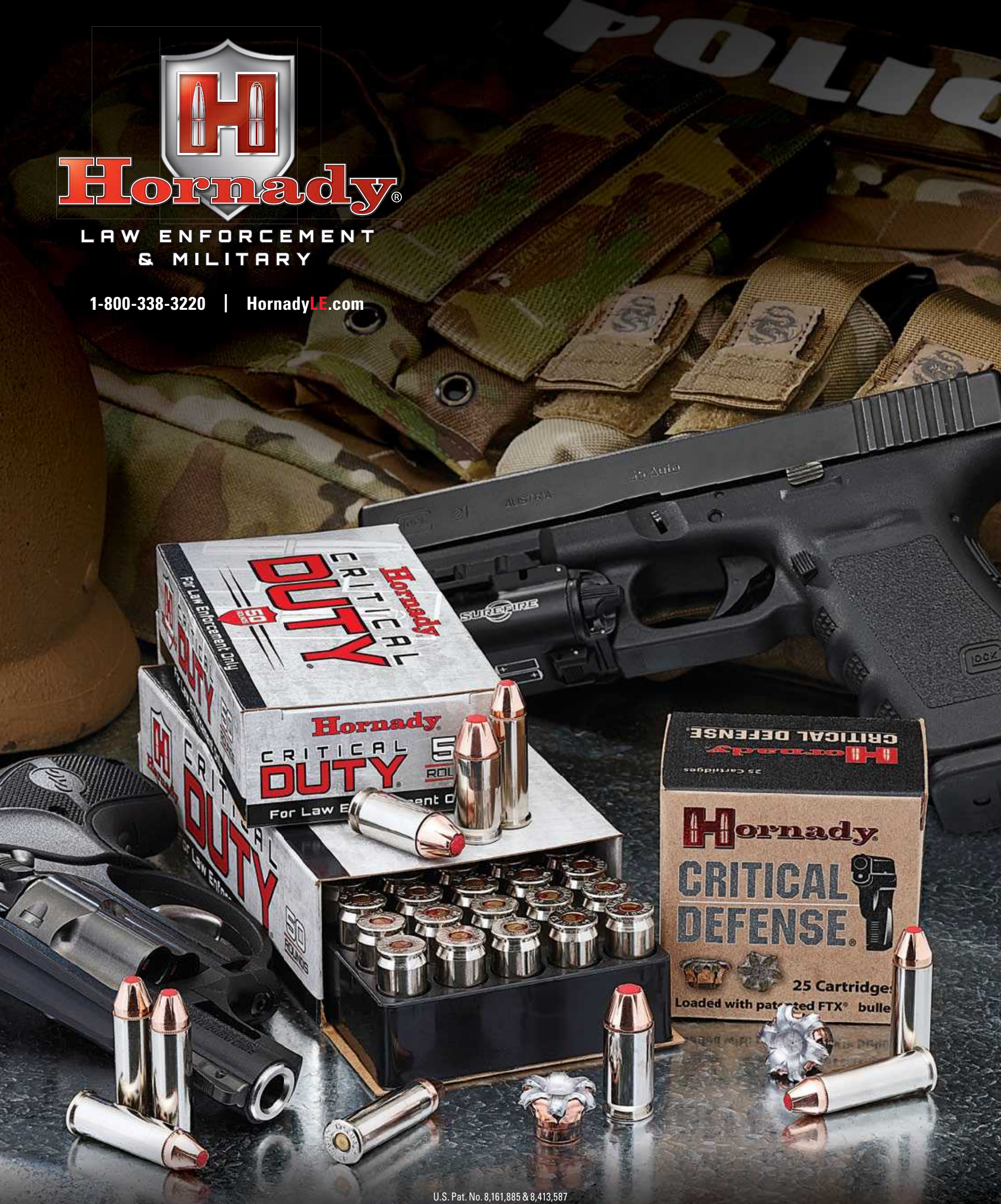
Combat-accurate shots are achievable when shooting with a two-handed grip and using the proper trigger technique. For practice, dry-fire the DA shot and see where the front sight settles after the hammer falls, or use a laser and observe its projected dot on a wall. As a drill, I like to draw and fire a single DA shot, then decock and reholster. For critical first-shot accuracy when there's time, I teach students to thumb cock the hammer for the benefits of the P30SK's crisp, light trigger break.

The P30SK may be a small pistol, but it has good ergonomics and a comfortable fit, which made perceived recoil light and manageable even when using the Black Hills +P load. With a two-handed hold, I feel comfortable engaging threats with the P30SK at distances greater than other comparably sized 9mms. If you carry the P30SK, carry full-sized spare magazines instead of the flush-fit standard size. The extra rounds could be decisive in a deadly gunfight, and firing a subcompact pistol with an extended magazine gives you better control from using a full-hand grip. For more information, visit hk-usa.com or call 706-568-1906. 🗡️



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Quick-draw essentials to maximize your pocket pistol's performance.

BY DAVID KENIK

I CONSIDER POCKET CARRY TO BE one of the best kept secrets in personal defense. Used for either primary or backup carry, pocket carry has numerous benefits. Perhaps the biggest is that it is very discreet. It allows you to carry a gun in situations and places where traditional belt carry would not work. If you

are at a social function where hugging is common, or a business environment where close contact is anticipated, a pocket gun won't be discovered accidentally or by a bump frisk as a belt-borne holster may. I have pocket carried a handgun for many years without anyone being the wiser.

Carrying a gun in your pocket can also have a great speed advantage. With your hand in your pocket, already wrapped around the grip of your gun, your draw time is cut in half. Walking or standing with your hand in your pocket is quite normal, non-threatening and non-confrontational. No one will suspect that



**Make sure you
always use
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pocket carry.**

you have a gun in hand, ready to go at a moment's notice.

Using a holster with pocket carry is as essential as it is for belt carry. A pocket holster will keep the gun upright in your pocket, keeping it from rolling over, which would make it difficult to grip quickly in an emergency. The holster covers the trigger, keeping you safe from negligent discharges.

Even with use of a pocket holster, it is imperative that you do not to place anything else in your pocket as it could interfere with your grip, the draw stroke, cause a negligent discharge or bind the gun within the holster. Lastly, a pocket holster disguises the shape of the gun within your pocket. Your pocket may still bulge, but the print shape won't be recognized as a gun. It will look more like a wallet.

Fast Access

Depending on the design, some pocket holsters are reversible and can be used on either side of your body. If not, you may want to consider purchasing both a left- and right-handed holster so you can carry on your dominant side for primary weapon carry, or on the support side for use as a backup gun. With two holsters, you can pocket carry both your primary and back-up weapons.

An important consideration for pocket carry is that the pockets in your pants are wide enough to accommodate the size of your hand while holding the grip of your gun. If not, it will be difficult to retrieve your weapon. The pocket also needs to be deep enough so that the gun's grip does not protrude visibly from the pocket. If need be, a tailor can easily lengthen a pocket.

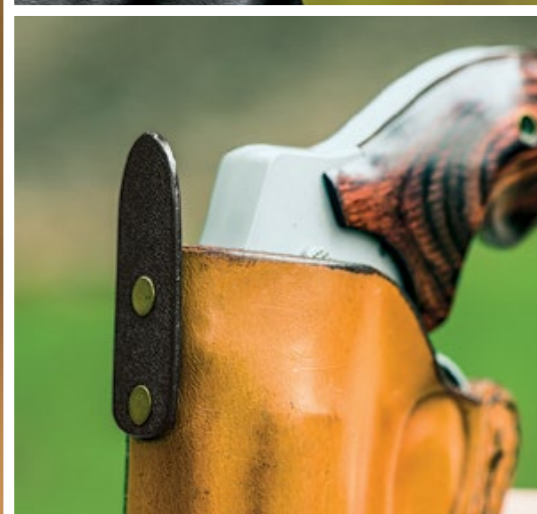
A tip for shopping for pants for pocket carry is to measure the pocket opening of a pair of pants that works well for your hand/gun size. Carry a tape measure or cut a strip of paper to that length, and use it to measure the pockets of pants while they are on the store rack. This will save you from having to try on lots of pants to check pocket size.

I have been very pleased with Tru-Spec tactical cargo pants. The pockets are deep enough and have a wide enough opening for pocket carry. The waistband is elastic, so I can wear them with or without an inside-the-waistband (IWB) holster, without needing to buy an over-large waist size.

The pant leg is also cut large enough to accommodate ankle carry if so desired. The pants work well for any



Pocket holsters can have ledges to push off of (above and top right) or hooks (right) to catch within the shooter's pocket.



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method of carry. When it comes to more formal dress wear, look for pants that have double-pleated pockets. The pleats offer more room and help to reduce the bulge of the holster.

Close-Quarters Response

The draw stroke for pocket carry is quite similar to that of a strong-side belt holster. Once your hand is on the gun's grip, lift the gun out of the pocket, immediately turn it 90 degrees so it is pointing at the threat, raise it up the side of your body to meet your support hand at your chest, then extend toward the target.

This Right-Angle Draw Stroke, sometimes called a Close-Quarters or Tactical Draw Stroke, works for both near and distant targets. Keeping the gun close to the body before full extension allows you to draw when seated behind a table or desk, or in close proximity of any object. Rotating the gun towards the threat immediately after retrieval from the pocket enables you to shoot immediately if needed. Keeping the gun aimed at the

threat as you raise it up the side of your body and extend it toward the target allows you to shoot throughout the entire draw stroke in an emergency.

While the pocket carry draw stroke is the same as a belt-borne holster, unlike belt carry a specific and distinct action is required to separate the gun from the pocket holster. The method used for the separation depends on the type of holster that you are using. There are three types of pocket holsters, each with its own method of separating the gun from the holster: hook holster, push-off holster and friction holster.

The hook holster has a hook at the upper corner of the holster that is designed to hook the holster within the top corner of the pocket as you lift the gun out of the pocket. The hook is either integrated directly into the design of the holster itself or as an add-on tab—both work perfectly well.

With the hook holster, when you lift the gun out of the pocket you need to do so in a diagonal direction towards your



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POCKET DRAW

belt buckle. This will ensnarl the holster's hook into the corner of the pocket, releasing it from the gun during the draw. The holster might remain in the pocket or it may even fall on the ground. No matter if it does. The only important thing is that the holster is separated from the gun. If you draw straight upwards with a hook holster, the holster's hook may very well miss the pocket edge and stay on the gun as you draw—not a good situation.

The second type of pocket holster is the push-off design. This holster has a ledge integrated into the design of the holster that is used to push the holster off the gun with your thumb. The fastest method is to push the holster off the gun at the same time as you lift it from the pocket. If you anticipate trouble, you can even push the holster off the gun before the draw, with the gun remaining in the pocket. Again, the holster may stay in the pocket or land on the floor. You're good to go as long as the holster does not remain on the gun.

The last pocket holster option is the friction design. These holsters are designed to remain in the pocket through the use of a tacky fabric/rubber on the exterior of the holster. These types of holsters tend to offer a somewhat loose fit to the gun, which makes separation during the draw more likely.

The success of the separation depends a lot on the tightness of the pocket. The tighter the pocket, the more likely that the friction will keep the holster within the pocket during the draw. Looser pockets can be somewhat problematic. Friction holsters may work fine in one pair of pants, but not in another.

I found that the solution to this is problem is to press the gun (while still in the holster) against your leg during the draw. The added pressure pushing the tacky fabric/rubber against your body will help ensure that the holster remains in the pocket as you draw.

Out Of Sight

When it's time to reholster, the best method with all three holster concepts is to remove the holster from the pocket, insert the gun and then reseat the holster in the pocket. Trying to reholster with the holster still in the pocket can be problematic.

One downside to pocket carry is that it can be difficult to draw when seated. To alleviate that issue, lean away from your gun side and extend your gun-side leg. This will make it easier to get your hand

in and out of your pocket.

Regardless of which of the three holster types you choose, pocket carry requires a gun that can be easily pulled out of a pocket. This is a matter of both size and shape.

If you carry a snub-nose revolver, the rounded, smooth shapes of internal-hammered designs, shrouded-hammer designs or spurless revolvers work best as there is nothing to get caught and bind them within the pocket. If your revolver has a hammer spur, cover the spur with your thumb as you draw to keep the spur from getting caught on the pocket. Alternatively, you can have a gunsmith remove the hammer spur.

With semi-automatic pistols, I find that square-backed slides can get caught on the pocket and foul the draw stroke. I tend to prefer pistols with angled slides, as these draw best from the tight confines of a pocket.

When choosing a pistol or snubby for pocket carry, test them by purposely trying to bind it in the pocket during the draw. The guns that don't bind, regardless of how hard you try, are the best options for pocket carry.

Better Backup

One of the phenomena that has been realized with scenario-based training in regards to backup guns is that shooters often forget that they are carrying a backup gun.

As hard as that is to believe, it can all be traced back to a function of training. Those who forgot that they had a backup gun with them trained with their backup gun alone, meaning that they did not integrate the backup weapon into training with their primary weapon. They shot their primary weapon, put it away, then they shot their backup.

The best procedure is to start a firing string with your primary weapon, simulate an outage or stoppage, then follow up with a full-speed transition to your backup firearm. When your primary weapon fails, drop it on the ground, then draw your backup.

When it comes to a real fight, don't worry about the bad guy getting the gun that you dropped. If it doesn't work for you, it won't work for the bad guy either. I bring a blanket or towel to the range with me to drop my primary gun on to so it does not get damaged. It is essential to practice the same exact techniques that you would use in a real-life scenario to defend yourself or your loved ones. Train and stay safe. 🦖

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Smith & Wesson's Model 327 and Model 627 bring .357 Magnum



The S&W Performance Center Model 627 features excellent adjustable sights, stainless steel construction and a small, checkered, hand-filling grip.

SPECIFICATIONS	
S&W PERFORMANCE CENTER MODEL 627	
Caliber	.38 Special/.357 Mag
Barrel	2.6 inches
OA Length	7.6 inches
Weight	37.6 ounces (empty)
Grips	Checkered wood
Sights	Front ramp, adjustable rear
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Matte stainless
Capacity	8
MSRP	\$1,079

WITH BIG-BORE PERFORMANCE, size does matter. Smith & Wesson's Performance Center takes one of the company's largest revolver frames, the N-Frame, and packs eight rounds of .357 Mag firepower into its Model 627 and Model 327 designs. When you're talking about snub-nose revolvers for concealed carry, however, N-Frames and eight-round capacities are hardly the norm.

The N-Frame is large. In the old days, making an N-Frame revolver

into a concealed-carry weapon meant lobbing off some barrel length. The old steel, square-butt grip frames still wore full-sized grips, and it was still only a six-shooter. Always innovative even with the century-old N-Frame revolver design, alchemists in the Performance Center have created two eight-shooters that are 21st century revolvers made for concealed carry and offer plenty of punch.

When the .357 Mag cartridge debuted it was nothing less than awe inspir-

ing. In 1935 S&W introduced the first .357 Mag six-shot revolver, calling it the Registered Magnum. S&W chose to chamber the powerful cartridge in its large, heavy-duty, carbon steel N-Frame, the same frame that Smith & Wesson used for its .44 Hand Ejector chambered in .44 Special and the Model 1917 chambered in .45 ACP.

The combination of the new cartridge and the heavy-frame revolver was popular with law enforcement and with shoot-

SNUBBIES

heat in concealed-carry packages! **BY** ROBERT A. SADOWSKI



The S&W Performance Center Model 327 uses lightweight alloys and the 2-inch barrel is recessed into the frame, making it appear much shorter than it actually is.

SPECIFICATIONS	
S&W PERFORMANCE CENTER MODEL 327	
Caliber	.38 Special/.357 Mag
Barrel	2 inches
OA Length	7 inches
Weight	21.4 ounces (empty)
Grips	Checked wood
Sights	Red front ramp, fixed rear
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	8
MSRP	\$1,309

ers, both of which couldn't buy them fast enough, even in the midst of the Great Depression. Eventually, by the 1950s, the revolver was renamed the Model 27. The Model 627 and Model 327 have some the Model 27 DNA in them but they come out of the Performance Center with two different approaches to concealed-carry, high-capacity revolvers.

Next-Gen Wheelgun

The Model 627 is constructed of stainless

steel in a matte finish. The 2.6-inch-long barrel is slab sided and the muzzle crowned. The top of the barrel is serrated. The full-length ejector shroud is cut out to relieve some weight and to likely allow debris such as mud or snow to be easily removed if the revolver is dropped. The distinct, unfluted cylinder gives the Model 627 a no-nonsense and solid look. This is a heavy revolver—37.6 ounces unloaded—and is comparable in weight to a full-sized, steel-framed 1911.

The Model 627 and the Model 327 are 1.7 inches thick compared to 1.3 inches of a typical 1911. That extra girth is barely noticeable when carrying either of these snub-nose revolvers in an outside-the-waistband (OWB) holster.

The Model 627's sight setup features a ramp front sight with a red insert that is dovetailed into the barrel. It can be easily swapped out for something else if an operator so desires. The rear sight is fully adjustable and matte black with a

white outlined notch. The sight picture is big, bold and to acquire.

The Model 627 has some heft to it, and in hand the small, finger-grooved boot grip is slim and fit nicely into my average-sized hand. The wood grip ends at the end of the Model 627's frame and the frame's backstrap was exposed. The checkered sections of the wood gave ample traction to grip the revolver even with hot loads. The Model 627's trigger had an 11-pound pull but actually felt much lighter. A trigger stop was built in. The teardrop-shaped hammer offered excellent aggressive traction to thumb back and fire the Model 627 in single-action (SA) mode.

The cylinder latch on both the Model 327 and Model 627 made it easy to use speed loaders. Additionally, the left grip panel of each is scooped out for ease of use with a speedloader. The chambers are chamfered to also speed up reloading, plus the cylinders of both revolvers allow the use of moon clips. A ball detent is incorporated into the front of the crane on both of these Performance Center revolvers. This is an accuracy enhancement used by revolver competition shooters. The ball bearing locks into a V-shaped groove in the frame, and as promised the Model 627 and Model 327 locked up tight.

PERFORMANCE		
S&W PERFORMANCE CENTER MODEL 627		
LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
.38 SPECIAL +P		
Federal Hydra-Shok 129 JHP	1,174	1.50
Winchester 125 JHP	963	1.40
.357 MAG		
Winchester 110 JHP	1,116	1.30
BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FPS BY CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR BEST FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 15 YARDS.		



Both of the Performance Center N-Frames offer eight rounds of .357 Magnum firepower in a package that is easy to carry concealed.

High-Power Compact

While the Model 627 uses more traditional material in its construction, the Model 327 is made with a scandium alloy frame, a steel barrel sleeve and a titanium cylinder and barrel shroud. The cylinder and barrel shroud have a light gray finish and

PERFORMANCE		
S&W PERFORMANCE CENTER MODEL 327		
LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
.38 SPECIAL +P		
Federal Hydra-Shok 129 JHP	1,173	1.60
Winchester 125 JHP	789	1.50
.357 MAG		
Winchester 110 JHP	1,041	1.40
BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FPS BY CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR BEST FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 15 YARDS.		



the frame contrasts in matte black. This is a very lightweight revolver at only 24.7 ounces loaded.

The barrel on the Model 327 actually looks shorter than it is due to the shorter .357 Mag cylinder. There is a gap between the front of the cylinder and the frame. Since N-Frames were originally made for longer-rimmed cartridges like the .44 Special, the barrel is set back into the frame to meet the shorter cylinder, creating the illusion of a very short barrel. The Model 327's sights consist of a dovetailed front ramp and a rear groove along the top of the frame. This setup proved fast on target and was made for close-quarters work.

The Model 327's barrel shroud was flat and chamfered, and the ejector rod shroud featured a cutout. The entire outer surface was dehorned so there was little threat of the revolver snagging when drawn from concealment. The smooth-faced trigger had a built-in trigger stop and was exceptionally smooth. During operation, it didn't feel like it took 12 pounds of pull in double action (DA). The hammer was teardrop shaped and plenty toothy for cocking. The snub-nose has a full-sized grip so it fills your hand, and the sides were stippled for a sure grip. The backstrap was left exposed.

Range Report

The weight of the Model 627 had a lot to do with its reduced felt recoil, even with its small boot-style grip, which required me to tuck my small finger under the

grip's butt. At 15 yards, both of these revolvers consistently produced five-shot group that averaged 1.5 inches. I ran a combination .38 Special +P and .357 Mag rounds through them.

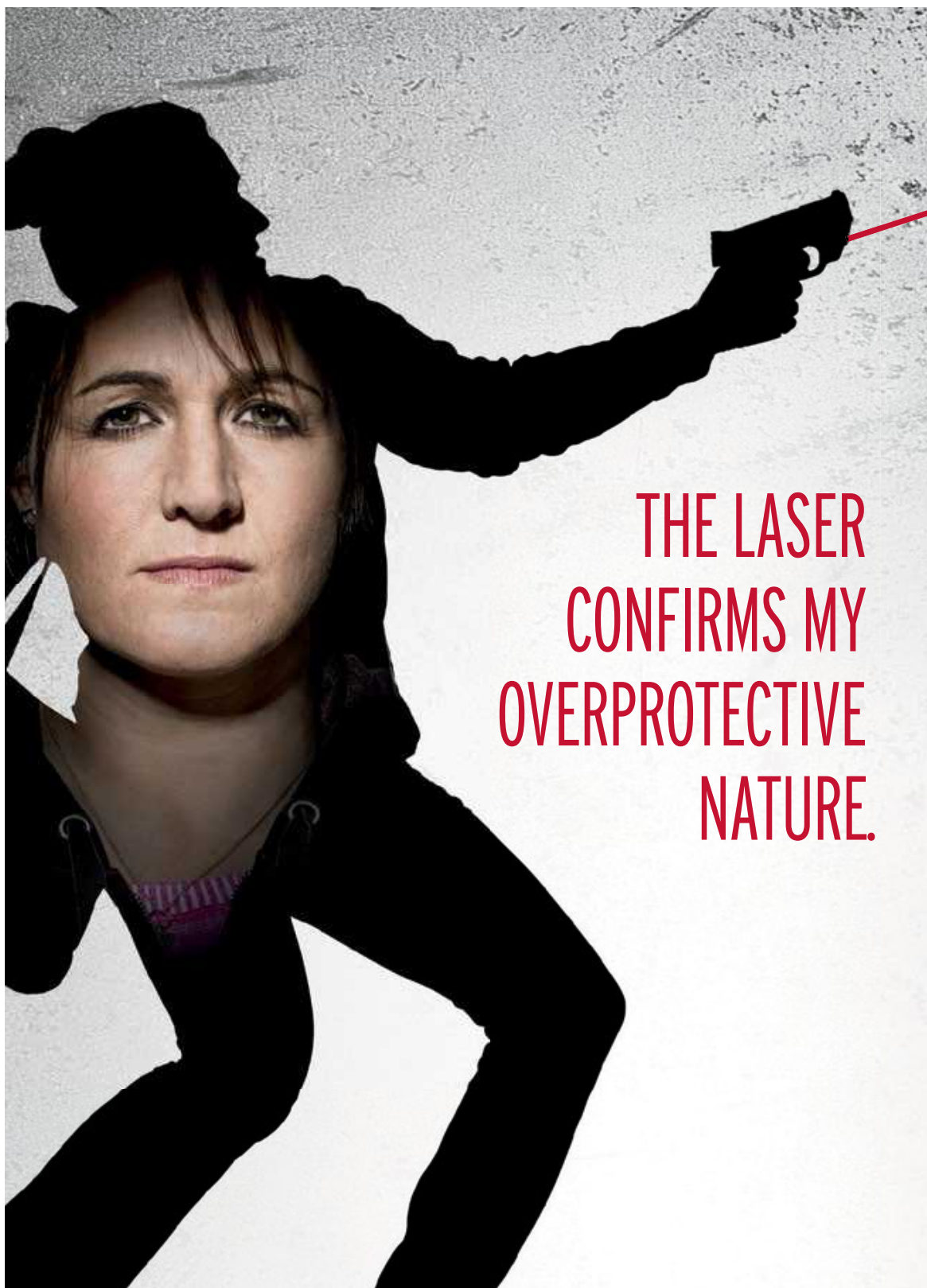
Firing for speed in DA, the Model 627 and Model 327 were easy to keep on target. There was a sense of "what's the matter with this picture?" in pulling the trigger eight times instead of six, however. Reload time was significantly decreased through the use of moon clips, but the eight cartridges did take slightly more time to reload at times since there were eight rounds to align in eight separate chambers.

"I like the simplicity of the Model 627 and Model 327 as well as their extra .357 Mag capacity."

The length of the ejector rod on the Model 627 allowed me to really shuck the eight empties. The ejector rod on the Model 327, meanwhile, was short due to the stubby barrel but it was enough to get the empty brass started and allow gravity to do the rest. The Model 327 had more felt recoil with the hot .357 Mag loads since the revolver was so light.

With the correct holster and belt, these snub-nose revolvers are easy on the hip. For testing I used a Galco Combat Master belt holster, which is a traditional pancake-style holster with an open top and a slight forward cant. The open-top design ensures fast access to the revolver. Since it is a belt holster, I typically wear an unbuttoned shirt to conceal it during everyday carry.

I like the simplicity of the Model 627 and Model 327 as well as their extra .357 Mag capacity. Each snub-nose revolver offers a lot of a firepower in a compact, everyday-carry package. For more information, visit smith-wesson.com or call 800-331-0852. 🔫



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From the classic PPK to the cutting-edge CCP, Walther's got you covered!

BY DENNIS ADLER

I HAVE HAD A CONCEALED-CARRY permit for more than 20 years, and for most of that time I have favored two carry guns: my very first, a Walther PPK/S in .380 ACP and an early 9mm Walther P99, the same model introduced in the 1997 James Bond film *Tomorrow Never Dies*.

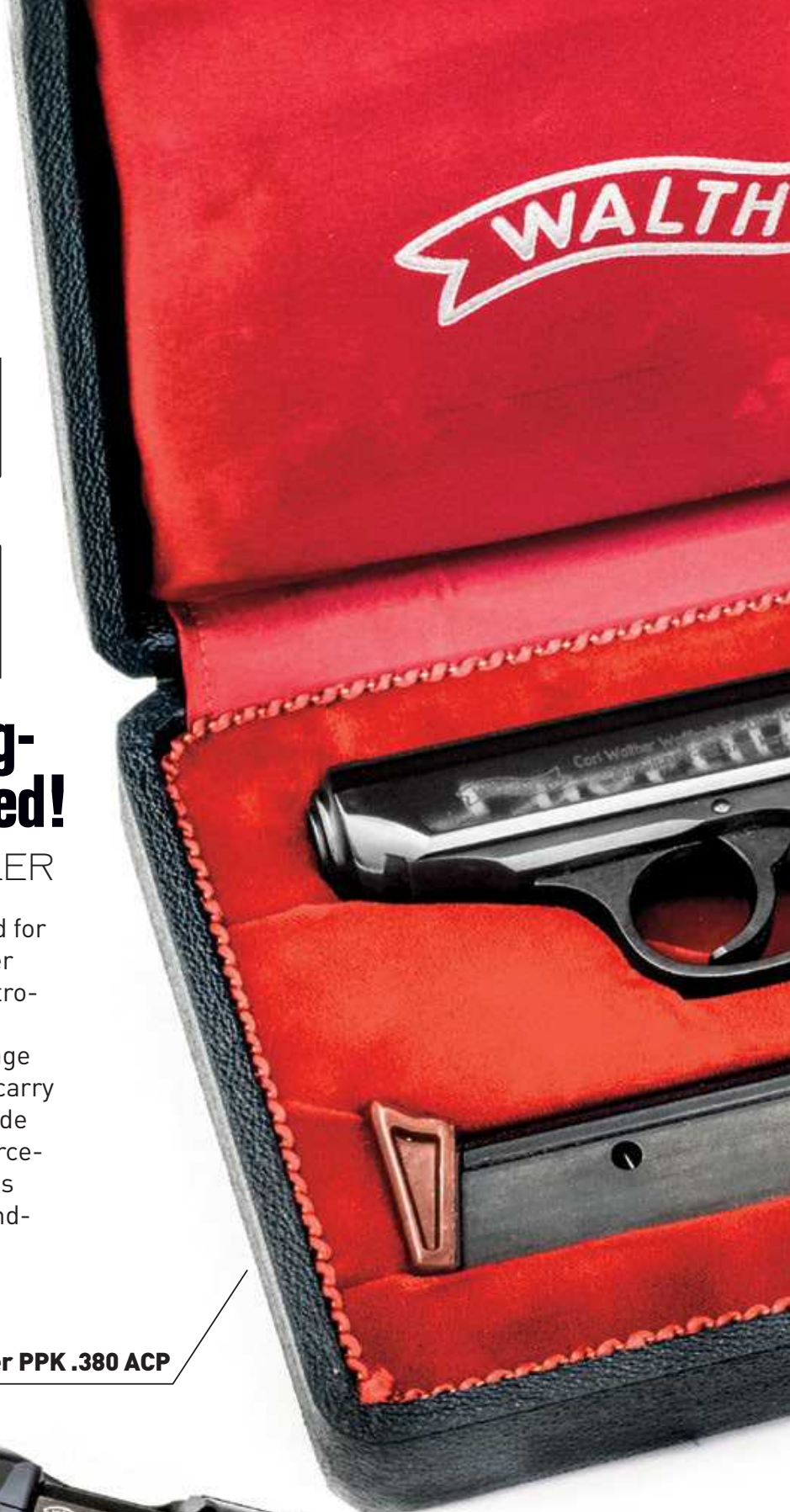
Was it the Bond influence, as far back as 1962's *Dr. No*, and the image of Sean Connery carrying a Walther PPK that influenced my choice in carry guns? To some extent yes, I grew up in that era and the Bond films made Walther a household name. But in reality I knew a number of law enforcement officers over the years and most of them carried Walther PPKs as on- and off-duty backup guns. A Walther, regardless of model, is a handgun designed with a heritage built on concealed carry.



Walther PPK .380 ACP



Walther PPS 9mm



No one did more for a white dinner jacket and a red carnation than James Bond. And over the past 50-plus years, the Walther PPK, PPK/S and P99 have served 007 well.

Walther PPK/S .380 ACP



Walther P99 9mm





SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER PPS	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3.2 inches
OA Length	6.3 inches
Weight	20.8 ounces (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	6+1, 7+1, 8+1
MSRP	\$599



SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER PPK & PPK/S	
Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	3.3 inches
OA Length	6.1 inches
Weight	22.4-24 ounces (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Fixed
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Blued or stainless
Capacity	6+1 (PPK), 7+1 (PPK/S)
MSRP	\$699



SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER P99	
Caliber	9mm/.40 S&W
Barrel	4.0 inches/4.1 inches
OA Length	7.1 inches/7.2 inches
Weight	24 ounces/25.6 ounces
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Matte black or duo-tone
Capacity	15+1/12+1
MSRP	\$629

Compact Security

As a concealed-carry sidearm, the PPS ventured into territory previously occupied by smaller-caliber semi-autos. Introduced in 2008, the PPS with its 3.2-inch barrel can almost hide behind a PPK/S, yet it fires the more powerful 9mm round. The standard magazine holds seven rounds, the same as a .380-caliber PPK/S. The PPS measures just 0.9 inches in width and the overall length is 6.3 inches with a compact height of 4.4 inches. The PPS employs a variety of P99-based technology, including a polymer frame, an ambidextrous magazine release built into the trigger-guard and interchangeable backstraps. Also a striker-fired design, the PPS uses a blade trigger safety like the P99QA and PPQ M2, with an average trigger pull of 6.8 pounds. The PPS is as compact and as well-designed as any Walther pistol ever produced.

My range test was conducted at 7 and 15 yards using a two-handed hold and Weaver Stance. Ammunition was

a mix of Sellier & Bellot 115-grain full metal jackets (FMJs), CorBon 115-grain +P jacketed hollow points (JHPs) and Remington's heavyweight Subsonic 147-grain JHPs. The PPS devoured the CorBon and Remington ammo, and it went through two boxes of Sellier & Bellot without a hiccup. The best overall grouping was with Remington subsonic, resulting in one ragged, elongated five-round tear under an inch in length at 7 yards. Stepping out to 15 yards, five rounds grouped at 1.5 inches center-to-center. CorBon's 115-grain +P rounds grouped at 1.18 inches from 7 yards and into a 1.75-inch spread in the 9 and 10 rings from 15 yards. The Sellier & Bellot also matched the CorBon for accuracy.

Being small and light, one might expect the PPS to be a handful, especially with +P ammunition, but recoil is actually quite mild and easy to manage, even with the heaviest loads. In part, this is due to the ergonomic design of the frame and Walther's dual spring recoil system. Acquiring the target is easy with the

large, white, three-dot sights, which are exceptional in broad daylight and work equally as well in dimly lit situations. As a personal defense gun, it seems more than ideal given its accuracy, weight and compact size.

Undercover Classics

Back in 1929, Fritz Walther revolutionized the small-caliber semi-auto market with the introduction of the world's first double-action (DA) pistol, the Model PP chambered in 7.65mm (.32 ACP) or 9x17mm (.380 ACP). Two years later, Walther added the compact PPK version, which became one of the most popular small-caliber pistols in the world. With few disruptions in manufacturing over the last eight decades, the PPK and later PPK/S (developed to meet U.S. importation requirements implemented in 1968) have remained among the most successful small-caliber handguns in history.

Weighing only 22.4 and 24 ounces, the PPK and PPK/S models in .380 ACP have 3.3-inch barrels and capacities of 6+1



SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER PPQ M2	
Caliber	9mm/.40 S&W
Barrel	4 inches/4.1 inches
OA Length	7.1 inches/7.2 inches
Weight	24 ounces/25.6 ounces
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Adjustable three-dot
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	15+1/11+1
MSRP	\$649

SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER PK380	
Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	3.66 inches
OA Length	6.5 inches
Weight	19.2 ounces
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot, adjustable rear
Action	DA/SA
Finish	Matte black or duo-tone
Capacity	8+1
MSRP	\$399

SPECIFICATIONS	
WALTHER CCP	
Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3.54 inches
OA Length	6.41 inches
Weight	22.24 ounces (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Matte black or duo-tone
Capacity	8+1
MSRP	\$469-489

and 7+1, respectively. Featuring a fixed barrel and a low bore center, both models use traditional blowback actions and offer excellent balance, ease of handling, accuracy and reliability. While striker-fired pistols are more popular than ever and offer numerous advantages, there is something to be said for “tried and true” technology, especially when it comes from the gun that set the original standard back in 1929.

Street-Ready Strikers

The original Walther P99 was a groundbreaking design. Developed in the mid 1990s, the P99 remains one of the most advanced striker-fired semi-autos built today, though many of its “advanced” features can actually be traced back to the original Walther P38.

Built for police and military use as well as commercial sales, the Walther P99 incorporates handling and operational attributes that set it apart from most contemporary semi-automatic pistols. It was the first pistol with an internal

striker firing action that combined the advantages of a DA/SA handgun with the ease of operation that only a hammerless pistol can offer.

Thanks to the DA trigger and the omission of a manual safety, the P99 is always ready to be fired when loaded. The P99 can also be decocked and carried loaded without the need of a manual safety, because four automatic safety systems are continuously engaged to prevent discharge unless the trigger is pulled. In addition, with the cocked and loaded chamber indicators, it is possible to both see and, if necessary, feel whether there is a round chambered and if the gun is cocked. The gun uses an ambidextrous design with the magazine releases incorporated into both sides of the triggerguard for easy operation.

Other versions include the P99AS, with traditional DA and SA trigger modes and the added feature of the anti-stress trigger position engaged after reloading; the P99QA with its Quick Action trigger, and the P99c compact with a 3.5-inch

barrel, a short grip and a magazine capacity of 10 rounds (in 9mm).

The PPQ M2 is the very latest of Walther’s polymer-framed, P99-based semi-autos with its easy-to-operate, elongated, ambidextrous slide releases, its adjustable white-dot target sights and its large, round, button-style magazine release, which replaced the ambidextrous triggerguard release introduced with the P99. The other principal difference between previous Walther DA/SA system (like the P99) and the first PPQ series is the use of an SAO trigger incorporating a blade-type safety. Walther calls it the Quick Defense trigger system, which was first seen on the P99QA. Walther’s implementation of the Quick Defense trigger also does away with the P99’s decocking system.

Covert .380

In 2001, Walther took the P99 design principle and applied it to a .22 LR semi-automatic, the P22, now one of the most popular .22-caliber autoloaders in the

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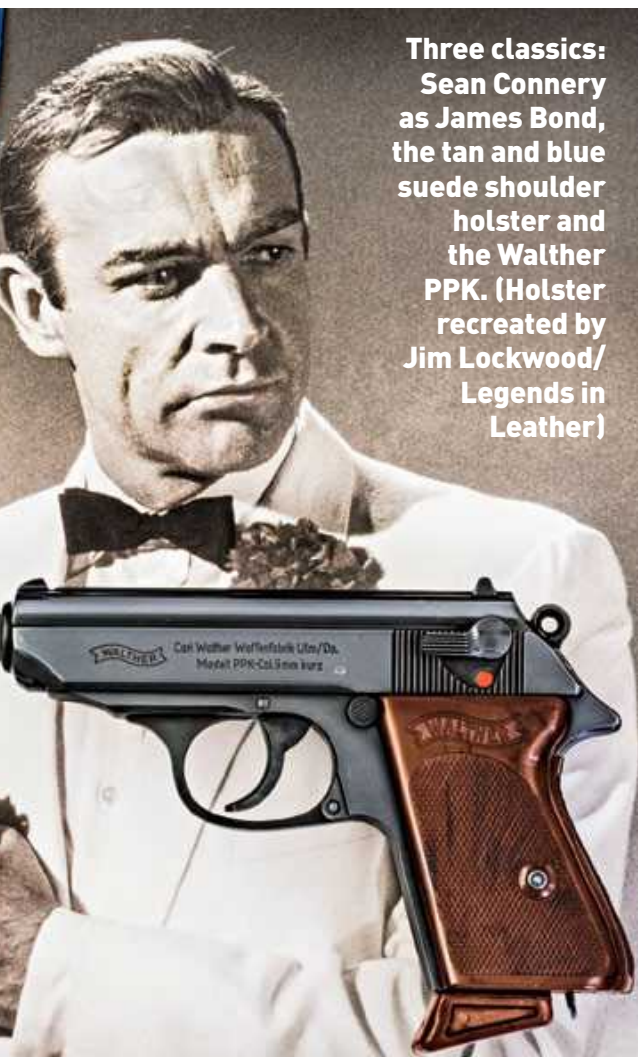


world. The PK380 is a slightly scaled-up version of the .22-caliber model with virtually the same feel, balance and operating features. Longer at 6.5 inches, taller at 5.2 inches and with a 1.2-inch width, the PK380 offers a slightly deeper grip and more pronounced finger grooves. The larger grip design allows the gun to comfortably fit most hands.

The PK380's general layout duplicates the P22. This includes an ambidextrous manual safety (and decocker), an ambidextrous magazine release (at the rear of triggerguard), a knurled hammer, DA/SA operation, a steel slide over a polymer frame, an integral Picatinny accessory rail, and standard white-dot sights. The PK380 also has a loaded-chamber indicator slot above the extractor, which reveals the rear edge of a chambered round as an added visual check.

CCW Elite

The Walther CCP is what you might call a "timeless" design that offers compact dimensions for ease of carry while combining Walther technology dating back to 1929 with the latest polymer-framed construction and a gas piston recoil system. The striker-fired 9mm has an average trigger pull of 5.5 pounds, an interchangeable white-dot front sight, an adjustable rear sight, and a reversible magazine release for left- or right-hand-



Three classics:
Sean Connery
as James Bond,
the tan and blue
suede shoulder
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ed operation. The CCP also has a very slim manual thumb safety that's easy to operate on the draw and an internal firing pin block.

The gun's trigger has a nominal 0.5 inches of take-up with 0.125 inches of overtravel. Resetting the trigger requires only a partial let-off, with a firm, perceptible "click" as it reengages. Unlike other 9mm Walther models, the CCP combines a blowback action (used on the PPK and PPK/S) with a Walther-designed gas piston recoil system. The "SoftCoil" gas-delayed blowback action uses a portion of the gas pressure developed by the ignited cartridge, shunting it downward through a port in the bottom of the barrel and into a chamber molded into the polymer frame. Think of it as a secondary recoil system that is otherwise passive when the gun is not being discharged. When the CCP is fired, recoil is significantly reduced by the gas-delayed blowback action's piston.

While larger than some subcompacts, it has very concealable dimensions, including an overall length of 6.41 inches with a 3.54-inch barrel, a width of 1.18 inches and a leggy 5.12-inch height, which allows for an eight-round magazine, giving the CCP an impressive 8+1 capacity and a carry weight of only 22.24 ounces. For more information, call 479-242-8500 or visit waltherarms.com. 🖱



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BY WILLIAM BELL



MINI



I READ A QUOTE ONLINE recently that I think is sage advice: “First have a gun, be willing to use it and worry about the caliber later.” I believe that says it all. And while some calibers are more suitable for self-defense use than others, no matter what the caliber, if you don’t have the gun on your person when you need it...well, enough said.

Some of the most concealable and easy-to-carry pistols come from North American Arms (NAA). Started in the early 1970s, NAA makes a series of .22 WMR mini revolvers that have applications as deep-cover concealment pieces and backup guns. They can even serve as primary self-defense tools if need be. In recent years, cartridge manufacturers have really stepped up to the plate by providing .22 WMR cartridges with modern bullet designs. They’re formulated for use in short-barrel handguns and have given this round greater effectiveness, making it more viable for lethal-force situations.

For carrying your mini revolver, NAA has no less than 26 holster designs for the guns mentioned here. They include pocket holsters, inside-the-waistband (IWB) holsters, belt holsters, a shoulder holster and even a belt buckle! Here are some of NAA’s top offerings for concealed-carry self-defense.

SPECIFICATIONS

NAA BLACK WIDOW

Caliber	.22 WMR
Barrel	2 inches
OA Lengt	5.8 inches
Weight	8.9 ounces (empty)
Grips	Rubber
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	5
MSRP	\$281-\$341

Black Widow

A distinctive NAA mini with a lethal name is the Black Widow. While it shares some of the features of the standard mini and Pug, it has some unique features all its own. For starters, it has a 2-inch barrel with a rib on top, into which are dovetailed front and rear sights. An elevation-adjustable rear sight is also available. Like the Pug, the Black Widow has the cylinder-pin shroud and “pull-down/turn” release. Thanks to the revolver’s longer barrel, you can also add the Venom laser sight to the Black Widow. This aluminum device replaces the cylinder-pin release and has an integrated Class IIIA, 5mw red laser. The laser will run for five hours in constant-on mode and 10 hours on pulse mode. It’s less than 2 inches in length and adds only 0.63 ounces to the revolver’s overall weight.

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MAGNUMS

“Some of the most concealable and easy-to-carry pistols come from North American Arms... revolvers that have applications as deep-cover... backup guns.”



SPECIFICATIONS

NAA SIDEWINDER

Caliber	.22 WMR
Barrel	1.5 inches
OA Length	5 inches
Weight	6.7 ounces (empty)
Grips	Wood
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Matte stainless
Capacity	5
MSRP	\$356-\$426

Sidewinder

As dangerous as the rattler it's named after, the Sidewinder is one of the newest mini revolvers from NAA. It offers what no other mini revolver can—faster reloads due to its swing-out cylinder design. All other mini revolvers require the cylinder to be removed for loading/unloading, but not the Sidewinder. The hammer is placed on half-cock,

the ejector rod is pulled forward and the cylinder is swung out to the right (yes, the right). Then the ejector rod is used to kick out the expended cartridge cases. Fresh ammunition is inserted into the chambers and the cylinder closed. I doubt you'll need a fast reload if you have to resort to a mini, but it's a good thing to have the option.

Like most NAA minis, the Sidewinder

is a single-action (SA) design, and it features a five-shot cylinder, a spur trigger, fixed sights and laminated wood grips. The revolver is constructed of stainless steel. It can also be had with a .22 LR conversion cylinder to allow for less-expensive practice. Note that the rear of the cylinder has tiny "windows" to allow the user to see a bit of the cartridge rim, a loaded-chamber indicator so to speak.

The Pug
The NAA Pug is a .22 WMR mini revolver with a name that aptly describes the gun. In its basic form, we have a 1-inch but heavy barrel with what amounts to an integral cylinder pin shroud below it. Grooves atop the barrel and topstrap reduce glare, and the Pug is fitted with easy-to-see front and rear white-dot sights for improved accuracy potential. For just a few dollars more, you can get a tritium front sight with a white outline for daytime shooting. Instead of the standard ejector rod/cylinder-pin release, the Pug has a “pull-down and turn” release that melds into the barrel unit. The release action takes less fine motor skills to operate, allowing the shooter to get the cylinder out easier. Slightly oversized, pebble-textured, rubber grips provide for a better hold on the Pug for rapid-fire shooting.

SPECIFICATIONS	
NAA PUG	
Caliber	.22 WMR
Barrel	1 inch
OA Length	4.5 inches
Weight	6.4 ounces (empty)
Grips	Rubber
Sights	White-dot or tritium
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	5
MSRP	\$321-\$341

SPECIFICATIONS	
NAA STANDARD .22 MAGNUM	
Caliber	.22 WMR
Barrel	1.1 inches
OA Length	4.6 inches
Weight	6.2 ounces (empty)
Grips	Wood
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Matte stainless
Capacity	5
MSRP	\$226

Standard .22 Magnum
This is your basic, no-frills mini-revolver. It’s much like the Sidewinder, but the cylinder has to be removed for loading/unloading. A small spring-loaded nub on the end of the ejector rod is pressed in and this unloads the rod, allowing it to be removed and the cylinder pushed out of its window in the frame. The rod can then also be used to push the empty cartridge cases out of the cylinder chambers. The cylinder is loaded and replaced; the ejector rod is then re-inserted. Another commonality among NAA’s mini revolvers is the safety notch on the rear of the cylinder. The hammer nose can be lowered into a safety notch so the nose is not resting on a cartridge rim, which could cause an accidental discharge. An interesting accessory for the mini-revolvers is the Holster Grip. It replaces the wood grips and the mini folds into the grip like a folding knife with a pocket clip on the side. Closed, it looks much like a folding knife clipped inside your pocket, but when folded open, the Holster Grip becomes a grip!



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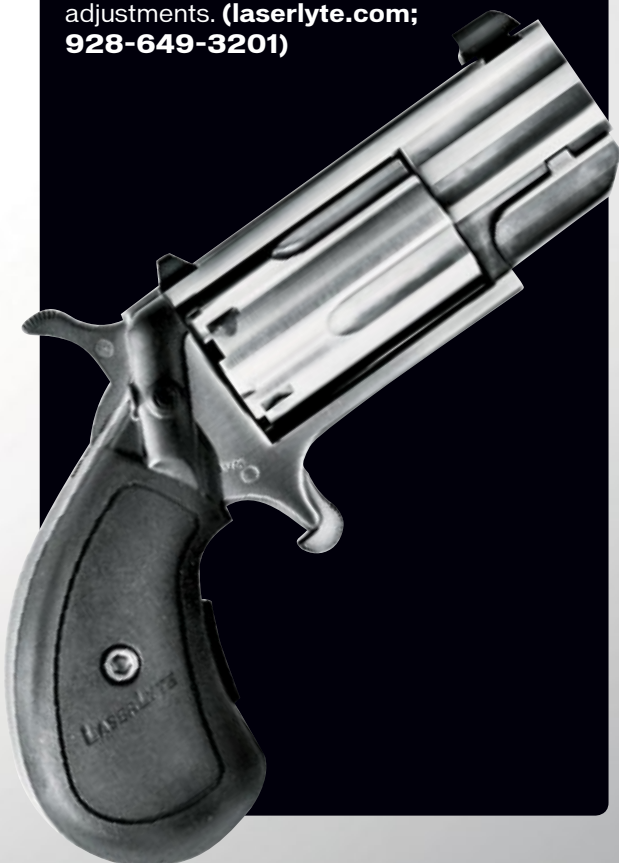
MIGHTY MOUSE LASER BACKUP

BY WILLIAM BELL

NAA's mini revolvers can provide reliable backup firepower in a life-or-death situation. As such, when they are needed, utilization must be fast and as uncomplicated as possible. The first obstacle for many folks will be the single-action trigger—they will have to develop the fine motor skills needed to cock the hammer, and this will take some practice. Distances are most likely going to be up close and personal. You may have lost your primary handgun or run out of ammunition, so now it's time to put your backup gun in play and quickly. What could be more easy than grabbing this gun, cocking the hammer and putting a red dot where you want the bullet to go?

The new Mighty Mouse laser sight by LaserLyte will fit any of the NAA mini revolvers, including the Sidewinder, the Black Widow, the Pug and the company's Standard models. It features "grab-it-and-go" activation, with the on button at the front of the grip. The red dot that appears on the target has an immediate intimidation factor. The laser unit replaces the factory grip entirely and a stalk extending up from the right grip panel projects the laser beam over the top of the cylinder.

This rugged unit's built from 55-percent glass-filled nylon and attaches using a hex-head screw. The right grip panel holds the 392 batteries and a coin-slotted compartment cover allows a battery change without having to remove the grips. The 5mw red laser has a constant-on life of over one hour. Each unit is 3 inches long, weighs a mere 0.75 ounces and extends the gun's width to 1.25 inches. The sight adjustment screws are in the stalk and allow elevation and windage adjustments. (laserlyte.com; 928-649-3201)



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BY D. K. PRIDGEN



IN THE MID-1800S, Henry Deringer began manufacturing what would eventually be called the derringer pistol, a derivative of his name by those who copied his work—a single-shot, short-barreled, large-caliber pistol using first the flintlock mechanism and later the percussion mechanism. A very small percentage of Deringer's pistols were double-barreled, but those few were normally over/under configurations. In fact, the pistols sold as fast as they were manufactured. Copies followed and soon there were more derringers than you could shake a stick at. It appears none of Deringer's pistols were chambered for self-contained cartridges, explaining why his pistols typically sold in pairs. However, in 1866, Remington's Model 95 derringer rectified that by using the .41 Rimfire.

Today, when folks think of a derringer, there's a very good chance it's a Bond Arms pistol they have in mind. In fact, the company's double-barreled handguns are so prolific that if you go to a well-attended range, the odds are at least one person there will be shooting a Bond pistol, and others might have one

in their pocket. At Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) matches, almost everyone there should have one—Bond Arms designs have claimed a SASS championship more than 15 times.

Modern Upgrades

What makes Bond Arms' pistols so popular? All Bond pistols are crafted to identical, tight specifications and have a lifetime warranty. The guns also offer quick loading and maintenance, stainless steel components and interchangeable barrels of various lengths. All barrels, except those chambered for 9mm, .40 S&W, 10mm and .45 ACP, have automatic extractors. Semi-auto rounds have to be plucked from the chambers. There are a wide variety of chamberings available for the company's double-barreled handguns, from .22 LR through .45 ACP and .45 Colt/.410 shotshell. Bond Arms also offers a removable triggerguard (for most pistols) and a cross-bolt safety to block the hammer.

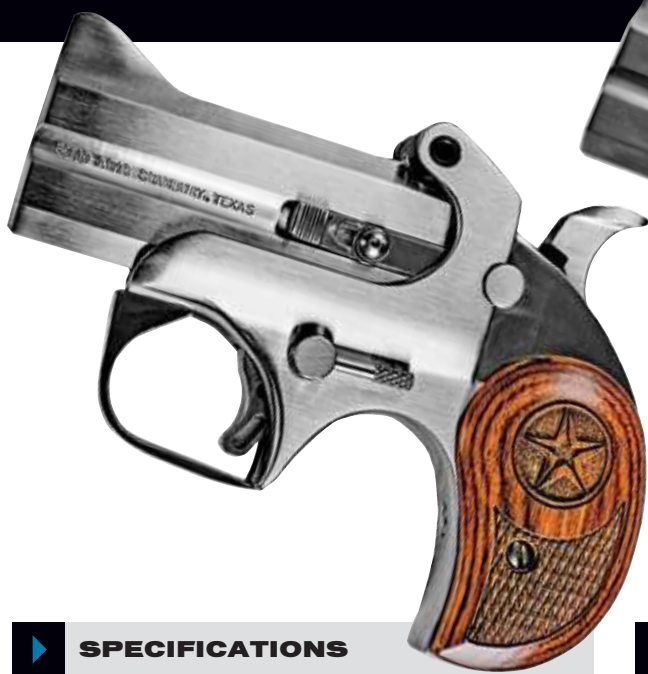
During the company's work to bring derringers into the 20th century, it did not overlook the trigger. Derringer triggers pivot at a point above the hand on

the grip, and as the trigger moves to the rear it also moves down, which is different than most other firearms. With a small pistol, everything can affect shootability, including the trigger mechanism. Bond Arms' original ministrations produced a trigger that always felt somewhat better than other derringers to me.

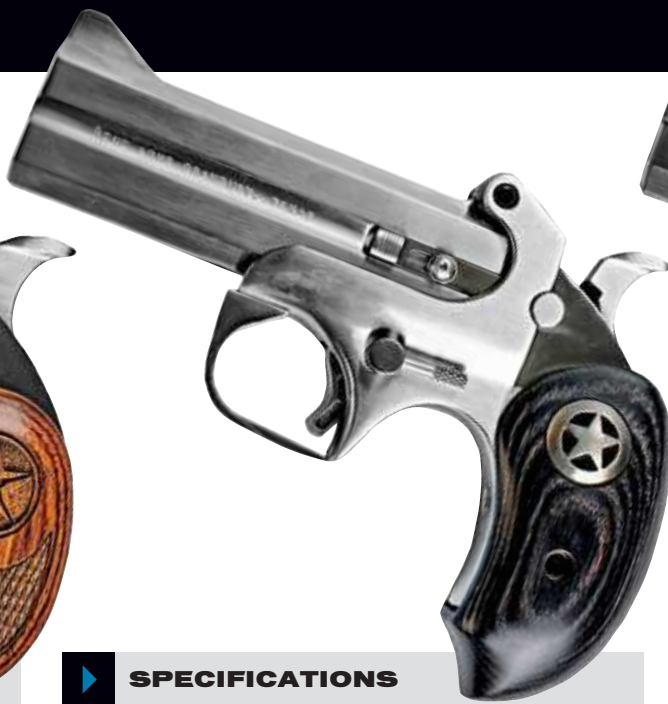
Because the folks at the Granbury, Texas, facility continue to refine their designs, in 2012 the company modified its trigger and hammer design. While the changes are not dramatic, they add to the comfort and ease of shooting. Hammers were minimally widened to make getting (and keeping) a thumb's purchase on it easier. Similarly, by slightly modifying the shape of the trigger, the feel of it became better. Trigger pulls typically fall between 6 and 7.5 pounds, and those I have handled dropped the hammer with no creep or stacking and a clean break.

Leading The Pack

The Texas Defender, the Ranger II, the Snake Slayer, the Snake Slayer IV and the Backup are among the company's most popular double-barreled designs.



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS TEXAS DEFENDER	
Caliber	.45 Colt/.410 shotshell
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	5 inches
Weight	20 ounces (empty)
Grips	Black ash or rosewood
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$440



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS RANGER II	
Caliber	.45 Colt/.410 or .38 Special/.357 Mag
Barrel	4.25 inches
OA Length	6.25 inches
Weight	23.5 ounces (empty)
Grips	Black ash
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$673



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS SNAKE SLAYER IV	
Caliber	.45 Colt, .45 Colt/.410 or .38 Special/.357 Mag.
Barrel	4.25 inches
OA Length	6.5 inches
Weight	23.5 ounces (empty)
Grips	Extended rosewood
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$551



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS BACKUP	
Caliber	.45 ACP
Barrel	2.5 inches
OA Length	4.5 inches
Weight	18 ounces (empty)
Grips	Rubber
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Matte stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$435



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS GIRL MINI	
Caliber	.38 Special/.357 Mag
Barrel	2.5 inches
OA Length	4.5 inches
Weight	18 ounces (empty)
Grips	Pink wood
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$418



SPECIFICATIONS	
BOND ARMS CA BIG BEAR	
Caliber	.45 Colt
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	5 inches
Weight	20 ounces (empty)
Grips	Extended rubber
Sights	Fixed
Action	SA
Finish	Matte stainless
Capacity	2
MSRP	\$452



“What makes Bond Arms’ pistols so popular? All Bond pistols are crafted to identical, tight specifications and have a lifetime warranty.”

Despite the popularity of its pistols, however, Bond Arms is not content with standing still and continues to introduce new models. Lest you become confused, all Bond Arms guns, newer and previous versions, are still double-barreled derringers that have been precision-built like the proverbial bank vault door.

The Texas Defender ships with 3-inch barrels chambered in .45 Colt/.410 shotshell. Additional barrels in other calibers, however, can be purchased. It wears laminated black ash or rosewood grips and a triggerguard. With a weight of 20 ounces and overall length of 5 inches, I have always found the Texas

Defender to balance very well and ride well in pockets as well as on belts.

The 23.5-ounce Bond Ranger II and Snake Slayer IV double-barrels wear 4.25-inch barrels and have extended grips. Barrels are either chambered for .45 Colt/.410 or .38 Special/.357 Mag. Meanwhile, the Snake Slayer offers extended grips, a 3.5-inch barrel with .45 Colt or .38 Special/.357 Mag chamberings, a 5.5-inch overall length and a weight of 22 ounces. Black ash grips wearing inlaid stars adorn the Ranger and Ranger II pistols, along with custom driving/concealed-carry holsters. The Snake Slayer and Snake Slayer IV feature rosewood grips.

The Backup is somewhat different from other Bonds. The frame is matte black, while its 2.5-inch, matte stainless barrels are chambered in .45 ACP. The Backup is also available with replacement barrels in .38 Special/.357 Mag, .45 Colt and .40 S&W.

New Firepower

Newer models released by Bond Arms over the last few years include the Rustic Ranger, the Girl Mini and six models made specifically for use in California. The Rustic Ranger is a special-edition

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take on Bond's popular Ranger II, and it's built just for Cabala's. Both the Ranger II and Rustic Ranger pistols come with removable triggerguards. Their 4.25-inch barrels can be chambered for .45 Colt/.410 shotshell.

For the Rustic Ranger, Bond kept the satin finish on the stainless steel, the removable triggerguard and the bulk of the traits found on the Ranger II. To distinguish the Rustic, the pistol arrives with extended rosewood grips wearing a two-tone star and a naturally finished Driving Holster. The slight reddish hue of the holster's finish looks nice with the rosewood grips.

Bond's Girl Mini will never be mistaken for a Rustic Ranger! It arrives with a 2.5-inch barrel chambered for .38 Special/.357 Mag (but can accept the other Bond barrels), no triggerguard and pink wooden grips. Overall length is 4.5 inches and weight of around 18 ounces, compared to the Rustic Ranger's 6.25-inch length and 23.5-ounce weight. The Girl Mini presents an overall appearance that is similar to the Remington Double Derringer of the 1860s.

Then we have the California Models designed to meet the state's requirements: the CA Big Bear, the CA Papa Bear, the CA Mama Bear, the CA Brown Bear and the CA Defender and CA Backup. Each California model contains the same traits in the non-California models, however the California guns are designed to only accept barrels from other CA-series pistols.

The CA Mama Bear, CA Defender and CA Backup have 2.5-inch barrels and ship chambered in 9mm, with the first two weighing 20 ounces and the CA Backup at 19 ounces. Grips for the CA Mama and CA Defender are wooden and not extended, with each offering pink ash and rosewood grips with an embossed star. The CA Backup has rubber grip panels with a bear emblem.

Bond's Papa, Big and Brown Bears ship chambered for .45 LC with 3-inch barrels and a weight of 22 ounces. All three wear extended grips but the first two wear black rubber with a bear emblem. Big Bears have matte-black frames. Grips for Brown Bears are custom rosewood with bear emblems.

That is a whirlwind tour of some of Bond Arms' new and established double-barrel handguns. If you are in the market for an ultra-compact backup, be sure and check out Bond Arms' deep-cover handguns. For more information, visit bondarms.com or call 817-573-4445. 🐻

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WE ALL KNOW THAT WE CAN SHOOT

a full-size pistol better than we can a smaller pistol. There's more to hang on to, better sights, the trigger is typically easier to manipulate, and the list goes on. It is obvious that full-size pistols should be the gun we carry concealed, but a lot of concealed-carry users think full-size pistols are heavy and harder to conceal. Sure, a typical full-size 1911 in .45 ACP weighs about 40 ounces, or about 2.5 pounds. Add about 5 more ounces for ammunition and that brings the total weight of a typical 1911-style pistol to just under 3 pounds.

Think a polymer pistol of the same caliber is lighter? Not so. Full-size polymer-framed pistols like the Glock G21 SF pack on the weight due to their higher magazine capacities. The 13+1 capacity G21 SF weighs 38.3 ounces loaded, or nearly 2.5 pounds. These pistols are also long and thick, typically about 8 inches long and up to 1.25 inches thick. The trick to carrying and concealing a large semi-auto pistol is the belt and holster. Pairing up a belt and holster will make your concealed-carry gear easier to pack, conceal and ready to perform the moment you need it most.

The first thing you need is a really good belt. I'm not talking about a belt that you picked up at a flea market that has "Bad To The Bone" or "Good Ol' Boy"

The Rivers West Full Metal Jacket is a lightweight fleece with a built-in shoulder harness that connects to a holster. The holster uses a concealment plate so the gun won't print.

stamped on it with a screaming skull belt buckle. Hiking up your drawers to reposition your concealed weapon every few minutes is unacceptable. A good gun belt is a belt that is wide and sturdy. The buckle needs to stay buckled, even if you scramble over a chain-link fence or belly crawl. A holster needs to be accessed in a hurry, so it needs to stay put in a consistent place on your hip. If you pair a holster with a lousy belt, you will have inconsistent draws and probably be fumbling when you should be shooting. A holster should hold the pistol close

to your body, allowing the print of the pistol to blend with the lines of clothing and your body type. It should also offer a degree of comfort to avoid chafing skin, protect the weapon from perspiration, and be easy to put on and take off. Here are some holster/belt pairing choices I have used for everyday carry.

24/7 Protection

Kydex is a thermoplastic that is vacuum-formed around a mold to form a rigid skin that will not stretch or shrink. Holsters made of Kydex have a slick

The DeSantis Intruder IWB hybrid holster is teamed up with A DeSantis E25 Econo Belt.

A DeSantis Inner Piece IWB holster is paired with a Galco SB3 Dress Belt.

The Rivers West Full Metal Jacket keeps a holstered weapon accessible via a hidden pocket.



“Pairing up a sturdy belt with a well-made holster is the best method to ensure...access to your full-size pistol when you need it.”

quality that translates into the pistol unholstering fast. The Bravo Concealment Adaptive (BCA) holster is made of .08-inch-thick Kydex. It's tough stuff, as I purposely stood on the BCA with no ill effects. This is an outside-the-waistband (OWB) option that sits snugly against that body and is very comfortable. Bravo Concealment will build the BCA to your specifications, so I ordered 1.5-inch belt loops, a 10-degree cant and a medium sweat guard. I carry a Glock 20 Gen4 in mine. That's approximately 39.5 ounces of loaded, full-size pistol.

The belt is a Galco 1.5-inch Reinforced Instructors Belt that is made of Type 13 nylon webbing. There is an internal polyurethane insert that reinforces the belt to make it rigid. The buckle is a drop-forged parachute type and uses a hook-and-loop closure. This setup secures the big Glock pistol to my hip like it was epoxied on, and it's comfortable to wear without any movement. For casual wear, this is a great combination.

The DeSantis Inner Piece holster has long been a go-to IWB holster for 1911s. I like the leather snap loops and the old-

school saddle leather. A stabilizer wing built into the back of the holster keeps a 1911 in position. I also like the reinforced mouth so I can reholster a 1911 with one hand. I use a Galco SB3 Dress Belt with the Inner Piece when I dress business casual with khakis or wool slacks. The 1.5-inch-wide Galco looks smart, and since the belt is rigid, it can carry the weight of a 1911 and look ready for the 10:00 a.m. standing meeting.

All-Terrain Combo

The BlackPoint Tactical Mini Wing holster is a hybrid inside-the-waistband (IWB) design constructed of Kydex and small leather tabs that connect to the belt loops. The Kydex parts hold snug to a Springfield Armory TRP while the leather tabs (or wings) easily adjust to the belt. These wings are small and thin and are perfectly comfortable. This IWB has a small footprint compared to other IWB holsters so it feels less bulky.

For a belt I use the TUFF EZ-Feed 1.5-inch Ranger belt with Cobra buckle. The TUFF belt is double layered for durability. It uses mil-spec scuba webbing and has a Keeper Retaining System so it secures the heavy TRP to me during whatever I happen to be doing. The belt needs to be adjusted, and that can be slightly complicated if you have never done it before, but once sized to the Mini Wing holster I find it fast to put on for all-day carry. The

TUFF Ranger belt is rugged looking and hugs the Springfield Armory TRP and Mini Wing to my torso.

Undercover Carry

A Sig P226 weighs 34 ounces unloaded, but add 15+1 cartridges and that is considerable weight. The DeSantis Intruder is an IWB hybrid that is made with Kydex and leather. This holster is designed for comfort and uses a wide leather body to distribute weight. This holster is tuckable, meaning the plastic loops allow the wearer to tuck their shirt over the




BlackPoint Tactical Mini Wing holster and TUFF EZ-Feed Ranger belt.

pistol. The DeSantis E25 Econo Belt is 1.5 inches wide and has a rough-textured inner surface that sticks to fabric. When teamed up with the Intruder, they pull the P226 to my body. This is a very comfortable setup, and with the medium sweat guard, it works very well in warm weather conditions.

BlackHawk offers a number of civilian-style casual shirts, including the Lightweight Tactical Shirt, that are good looking and cover your weapon completely. The shirts can be tucked or worn out. I've used the button shirts and polo shirts. Beltless options exist, and in a pinch they work.

A system that combines a holster and a concealment garment is the Rivers West Full Metal Jacket. This lightweight fleece has a built-in shoulder harness that connects to a holster. The holster uses a concealed plate so it doesn't print. There are two hand-warmer pockets, but a unique feature is that the holstered weapon is accessible via a hidden pocket. In fact, you can shoot through the garment with the weapon completely hidden. I've worn the Full Metal Jacket this past fall and winter carrying a Glock 17 and no one was the wiser. I've been told the slide won't hang up in the garment, and the way it is constructed I'm inclined to believe them. I like the jacket so much I don't want to shoot through it.

The Remora "No Clip" IWB holster does not need a belt. The outer skin of the holster is a rubberized, non-slip material that clings to fabric. I've tucked a Glock 21 in the Remora holster and then slipped the rig into my waistband and can attest that the weapon stays put.

Pairing up a sturdy belt with a well-made holster is the best method to ensure your concealed carry rig offers you access to your full-size pistol when you need it. 

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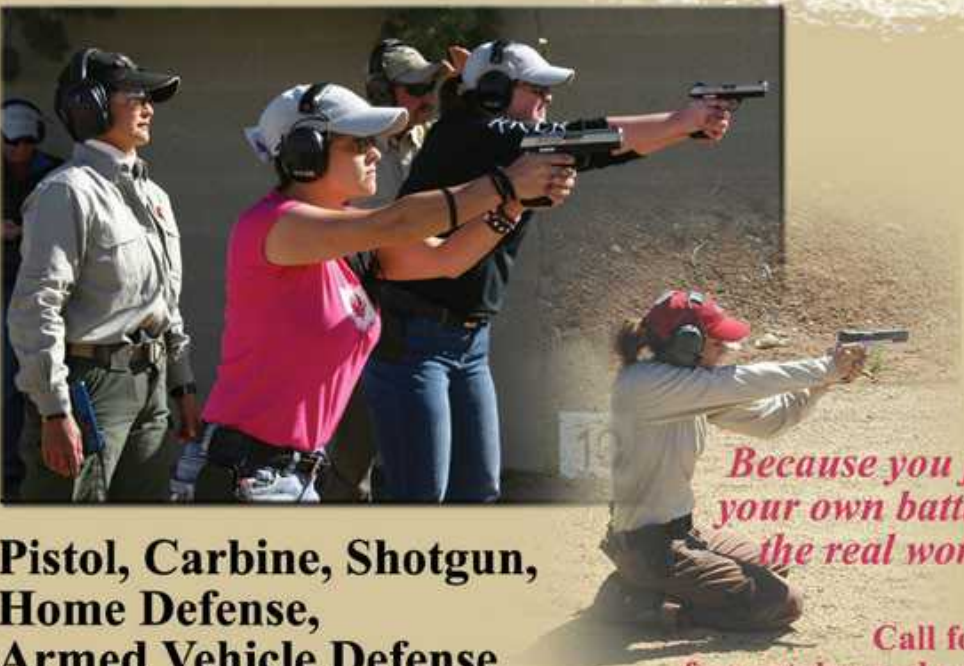
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BY DENIS PRISBREY

POCKET GUNS HAVE A LONG AND INTERESTING

history. While they originated much earlier, Henry Deringer made both a name for himself and an entire class of small handguns with his highly successful, single-shot percussion Philadelphia Derringer between 1852 to 1868, and the derringer label has pretty much become synonymous for any small one-, two- or four-shot pistol today.

Cutback versions of revolvers have been popular since Samuel Colt's time, and with a revolver's ability to fire just about anything you can put into its chambers without malfunctioning, they can offer great reliability along with serious ballistics. Underpowered loads will still function perfectly fine if necessary since the action is cycled by the operator, not the ammunition, and reliability isn't affected in going smaller as it can be with an autopistol. With a revolver, you can trim the barrel, abbreviate the grip and still stick to a relatively powerful caliber, all without having to re-engineer the frame or the relationship between slide mass and spring tensions, among other considerations that come with modifying semi-autos.

While it's comparatively easy to maintain mid-bore power levels in a small revolver, the situation's much more complex in an autoloader, where so much depends on the pressures of the caliber to simply operate the action. The challenges of balancing those pressures—cartridge lengths, slide mass, slide velocity, and magazine components—all combine to keep pocket autos (true pocket autopistols, anyway) confined to calibers like the .22 LR and the .25 ACP for many years, since those small frames limited power levels. Most were blowbacks, because it wasn't easy to fit the locked-breech system of the more powerful full-sized pistols into such a tiny package.

Chopped versions of bigger-bore semi-autos were tried with some success, like the highly-modified ASP version of the 9mm Smith & Wesson Model 39 in the 1970s, but those and other chop jobs were simply whittled-down versions of full-sized pistols. And while they offered some concealment advantages, they were still band-aid approaches and few were true pocket pistols by today's standards. Various smaller-than-full-sized .32s and .380s followed in the 1970s and 1980s, which were a step up in power over the .22s and .25s, but most were still fairly bulky and needed a good-sized pocket to carry in. It wasn't



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1. The PM9's non-captive dual recoil spring assembly helps the subcompact pistol tame the 9mm recoil. 2. C&S customizes the barrel by giving the muzzle an 11-degree crown. 3. Note the two-piece telescoping guide rod underneath the barrel. 4. C&S bevels the slide-lock lever for smooth, snag-free draws. 5. The trigger is polished for consistent double-action pulls. 6. The XS sights are designed for quick acquisitions at short range.

until the mid-1980s, with the explosion of “defensive” demands as a market-driver, that smaller designs (that began as smaller designs) started to emerge in the mainstream market. The spread of concealed-carry permits added to the tidal wave in the 1990s, when thousands of new carriers quickly got tired of trying to deal with heavy, full-sized pistols and the trend toward smaller pistols in “serious” calibers ramped up.

Today, we have a great range of truly pocketable pistols to choose from, at various price and power levels, and we can even find a few where custom work takes the game up a notch, like Cylinder & Slide's (C&S) recent work with the concealable Kahr PM9.

Pocket Nine

Kahr's PM series debuted in 2004, as a lighter and smaller evolution of the company's already compact line of pistols dating back to 1994. The PM models in 9mm, .40 S&W and .45 ACP use the same basic action of their all-steel cousins, with the same no-frills approach with

fixed sights, black polymer frames, single-stack magazines, double-action-only (DAO) triggers and two-finger grips.

Aside from their surprisingly small sizes for full-powered calibers, the PMs also feature a unique and reliable offset barrel/integral feed ramp design, allowing a thin frame cross-section and an equally surprisingly simple internal mechanism. With the ramp positioned left of center, this provides room to move the trigger draw bar closer to center on the right. The end result in the version tested here is a slim, trim and entirely pocket-worthy 17-ounce 9mm package no thicker than 0.9 inches wide on the matte stainless slide, and 0.950 inches through the grip area. The PM9's 3-inch barrel, overall length of 5.42 inches and 4-inch height from top to bottom with the six-round magazine inserted all add up to one of the smallest practical carry packages you'll find anywhere in a quality-made 9mm pocket pistol.

Other features that add up to reliable function include the dual-recoil-spring setup on a two-piece steel guide rod,

SPECIFICATIONS

CYLINDER & SLIDE KAHR PM9

Caliber	9mm
Barrel	3 inches
OA Length	5.42 inches
Weight	17 ounces (empty)
Grips	Stippled polymer
Sights	XS tritium
Action	DAO
Finish	Matte black frame, matte stainless slide
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$900-1,810

an extractor claw that's twice as wide inside where it grabs a case rim than it appears on the outside, a locked-breech Browning-style recoil lug, a passive internal firing pin safety and a steel mag-release button. The PM9 also gets major bonus points for not having a single external safety anywhere on it, nor a single magazine disconnect anywhere in it.

All in all, the Kahr PM9 is a very well-thought-out pistol, and that's even before Cylinder & Slide gets to it for further enhancements and customizations.

Custom Upgrades

The sample that C&S sent for a trial run made quite an impression right out of the box. Besides the base features listed above, C&S had added its “Kahr Package 2.5” to make a good concealment pistol into an even better one.

As part of that 2.5 Package, the PM9’s barrel was recrowned to 11 degrees and polished up front, and the chamber throat and feed ramp were polished at the rear. An action job was done to smooth up the internals, and to make sure the pistol was left with a smooth, 6-pound-minimum trigger pull for dependable ignition (anything lighter risks the occasional misfire). The extractor was radiused and tensioned for maximum efficiency, the ejection port was beveled for clean ejection, and the slide lock lever got a carry bevel. The trigger was also radiused and polished, leaving a near mirror-bright and rounded face with no sharp rear edges. Up on top, the original white bar-dot factory sights were replaced with a set of XS tritiums, with a very visible dot front over a wide, express-style, V-shaped rear.

The frame deserves a paragraph of its own. What you don’t see at first glance is the chamfering around the mag button, done to make absolutely sure that button doesn’t bind in its hole on a mag-drop reload. The frame is modified internally to help it fall freely when the button’s depressed, and the mag well is also beveled for quick insertions. The frame work you do see at first glance is the precise 360-degree stippling done by hand, one indent at a time, with a soldering iron. This stippling is well executed by someone with a good eye, a very steady hand and a heck of a lot of patience.

Range Time

The little blaster came from C&S with small grease dabs in strategic spots, and just for extra insurance I swabbed some FP-10 lube on those and key barrel areas before heading to the old quarry for a workout with the PM9. Once there, I tested four loads covering three bullet weights off the bench at 15 yards. I’d asked C&S about ammunition sensitivity, sight regulation and expected accuracy—the answers were “none,” “15 yards” and “1.5-inch groups on average, usually twice that with the XS Sights.” And during testing the Kahr fell right in line.

Kahr’s manual recommends a 200-round break-in period before the PM9 should be considered road-ready, and the sample hummed right through all four bullet weights, and both FMJ

PERFORMANCE

CYLINDER & SLIDE KAHR PM9 9MM

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Black Hills 115 FMJ	1,071	2.10
Hornady Custom 124 XTP	1,010	2.68
Sig Sauer Elite Performance 124 JHP	1,033	2.12
Winchester Super-X 147 JHP	852	2.56

BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FPS BY CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR BEST FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 15 YARDS.

and JHP bullet types, without a single malfunction of any type whatever. Considering the balancing act that goes into reconciling 9mm pressures with such a small platform, that’s impressive.

Accuracy-wise, the sights are designed for a right-now pickup, not leisurely, slow-fire target competition, and they do what they were intended to do. Best five-shot groups all held under 3 inches, and here I found the point of impact was a shade high and left when aiming with the dot centered inside the 5.25-inch black bullseye I use for pistol tryouts. The windage could be corrected by tapping the rear to the right slightly; the elevation wasn’t far enough off to worry about. Emptying full mags on speed dumps, controlling the pistol was far easier than expected with the standard six-shot magazine, and the extended seven-shot mag gives a full three-finger hold for an even better grip.

Overall handling was unexpectedly easy. The recoil levels with all four bullet weights were no heavier than several .380s I’ve spent time with. The pistol was not at all hard to hang on to, though the stippling does add up over a longer session, but it wasn’t abrasive enough to be seriously annoying. The no-second-strike DA trigger pull is long but very revolver-ish and easy to run, and unlike some designs a fully loaded mag is easy to seat with the slide forward. Everything added up to one extremely handy little pocket pistol that goes well beyond any comparably-sized .380 in power, if not capacity. I can see why C&S chose to add this Kahr to its stable of regular offerings—when compared to the rest of its class it’s that good. The package described is \$1,810 if Cylinder & Slide supplies the pistol, or \$900 if you supply your own. 🖱

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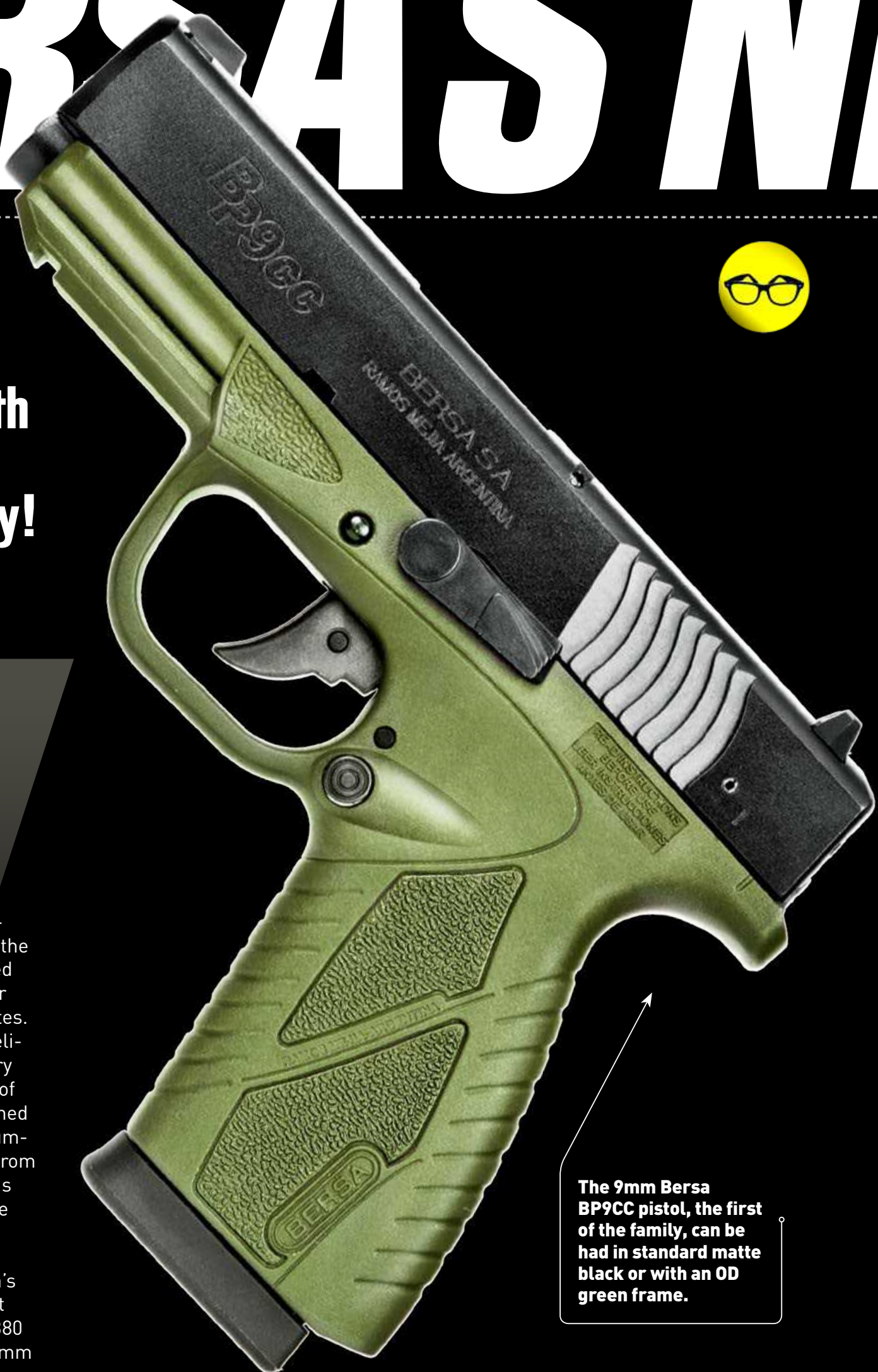
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BY RICHARD JOHNSON



WORKPLACE VIOLENCE, terrorist attacks and gang members looking for the thrill of a kill have made the concealed carry of firearms all the more popular with citizens across these United States. Finding the right balance of power, reliability, concealability and cost is a very individual choice. Engineers from all of the major gun companies have designed a multitude of options, offering consumers a range of good quality products from which to choose. The Bersa BP40CC is one of those handguns that may make sense for a lot of people.

Announced in the fall of 2014, the BP40CC is one of three guns in Bersa's new polymer pistol line. Introduced at the same time was the BP380CC in .380 ACP. The first gun in the series, the 9mm BP9CC, hit the market a few years ago

The 9mm Bersa BP9CC pistol, the first of the family, can be had in standard matte black or with an OD green frame.

THE FAMILY



Similar in size, all three BPCC pistols, including the BP380CC, can share most holsters and other accessories.

The polymer frame is designed to allow shooters to get a high grip for less muzzle rise without fear of "slide bite."

BERSA'S NEW FAMILY



The BP40CC's lightweight trigger has a clean pull and short reset.



Adding a light or laser is quick and easy using the integral accessory rail.



An internal lock allows the owner to disable the gun for storage.

and has been selling very well.

I purchased a BP9CC shortly after they were introduced. I found the gun to be an easy-shooting pistol with respectable accuracy. What I most liked about the pistol was that it was thin and easy to conceal, yet it was large enough to wrap my entire hand around it without my pinky falling off. Frankly, it is one of the best fitting concealed-carry pistols for my hand.

Even though I generally prefer the 9mm for concealed carry, I was eager to

try the new versions of the pistols when they were announced by Eagle Imports, the U.S. importer of Bersa firearms.

Meet The BPs

All three guns are the same size externally. At first glance, they all look alike. Other than the engraved model number on the slide, one of the only differences I spotted between the 9mm and .40 S&W guns was a slightly enlarged ejection port. I expect that any holster or accessory made for existing 9mm pistols will

fit the .40 variants without modification.

One of the things that I like about the BP series of pistols is the trigger pull. There is a bit of take-up, but the break is clean and there is no perceptible over-travel. Bersa describes the trigger system as a short-reset double-action-only (DAO) design. I found the resets quick and positive. The trigger pull on my test BP40CC pistol was fairly light for a DAO gun. Using a digital Lyman trigger-pull gauge, an average of 10 pulls measured 4.3 pounds.

Bersa mounts three-dot sights on the BP40CC pistol. The front sight is metal while the rear is plastic. The front sight seems brighter and easily catches the eye for fast aiming. The rear sight has a pronounced leading edge that allows it to be used for slide manipulation during one-handed operation. Even though it is plastic, the rear sight seems tough enough to handle this use. However, I would not regularly train for emergency slide racking in this way.

The sights are dovetailed, allowing the owner to make drift adjustments or to replace them altogether. The front sight cut will take Sig Sauer #8 sights while the rear will accept Glock-type sights.

Recently, XS Sight Systems introduced its Express sight kits for the BP series of pistols. These kits have the properly sized front and rear sights. While I found the stock sights worked well out of the box during testing, I'm happy the famed Big Dot sights from XS are available.

SPECIFICATIONS

BERSA BP40CC

Caliber	.40 S&W
Barrel	3.3 inches
OA Length	6.35 inches
Weight	21.5 ounces (empty)
Grips	Polymer
Sights	Three-dot
Action	DAO
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	7+1
MSRP	\$430



Bersa's tough BPCC pistols are built for covert carry.



The BP40CC's white-dot front sight is easy to acquire for fast targeting.



Alien Gear's Cloak Tuck 2.0 worked well with the BP40CC during testing.

BERSA BP380CC

BY RICHARD JOHNSON

Looking for a compact carry pistol but don't want the snappy recoil of a .40 S&W? Take a look at the new BP380CC from Bersa. This new handgun has the same external dimensions as its larger-caliber brethren, but the BP380CC is chambered for the lower-pressure .380 ACP cartridge.

Like the BP40CC, this gun is less than an inch thick. This makes it both easy to conceal and a very good fit in a wide variety of hand sizes. The grip is long enough for me to get a complete hand on for a full grip. A good grip, combined with the low-pressure cartridge, makes the felt recoil very light and controllable for fast follow-up shots.

Bersa uses a short-reset, double-action-only trigger in all of the BP series pistols, including this one. The trigger on my BP380CC is relatively light. Using a Lyman trigger-pull gauge, it measured 4 pounds on a 10-pull average.

Even though the trigger and recoil characteristics make this gun interesting to someone with weakened hand strength, the recoil spring is relatively heavy. Most of the time, difficulties with slide manipulation can be overcome with correct technique.

The BP380CC holds eight rounds in the magazine, giving the shooter a total of nine rounds on tap before a reload. Considering the improved performance of modern defensive ammunition, nine well-placed rounds will likely cover the majority of self-defense situations in the real world.

Bersa includes gripping serrations on the rear part of the slide. The serrations are deceptively aggressive. That is to say they look mild in appearance but provide an exceptional gripping surface when

manipulating the slide.

The triggerguard is undercut where it connects with the grip. This allows the shooter to get his hand further up the grip and improve recoil management. There are no external safeties on this pistol. However, Bersa does build firing-pin and magazine-disconnect safeties into this gun. Also, there is an internal lock built into the right side of the slide. With one of the included keys, you can disable the gun for storage. For anyone concerned about internal locks, I have put more than 2,000 rounds through three different BP series pistols and have not experienced any problems at all with any of the internal locks.

Shooting Impressions

I was eager to get the BP40CC to the range to see how it would shoot. As I mentioned, I already own a BP9CC and really like that pistol. I was curious to see if the .40-caliber version of the gun would be as reliable.

I admit that I was a touch apprehensive about how much additional recoil would be generated by the higher-pressure cartridge. From a full-sized pistol, the .40 S&W generates a modest amount of recoil that is easily controllable. However, in a small, light gun, the .40 can be a tad much for some people.

I started the test by first running 200 rounds of FMJ ammunition through the gun to make sure it was functioning correctly. Having experienced no problems, I ran another 200 rounds of premium



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PERFORMANCE

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LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
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Liberty 60 Civil Defense	1,875	2.75
Winchester 165 PDX1 Defender	1,070	2.75

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hollow-point ammunition. In total, I had eight different loads from four different manufacturers represented. All of the ammo ran fine in the Bersa. No malfunctions of any kind.

Recoil wasn't bad in this gun. Compared to the 9mm and .380 ACP versions of this pistol, the .40 S&W clearly had a much more stout kick. However, the BP40CC was still very controllable, and most shooters should be able to handle it easily.

As one might expect, some loads are a little harsher than others. Oddly, the Speer Lawman 155-grain TMJ load had the hardest kick by a noticeable margin. I've not noticed this load as being any harsher than others when testing other .40 S&W pistols.

By far the lightest-recoiling load is the Civil Defense ammunition from Liberty Ammunition. That load uses a very light (60-grain) bullet moving at very fast-for-caliber speeds. The Civil Defense ammunition recoil was a noticeably softer shooter than the other loads I had on hand during testing.

Accuracy with all of the ammunition was reasonable for self-defense use. Groups tended to run between 2.5 and 4 inches with personal protection loads at 15 yards when shooting unsupported. The best five-shot group was 2.37 inches with the Hornady Critical Duty load. This load had a relatively mild recoil impulse.

On The Town

Since the BP40CC proved itself reliable on the range, I began carrying it as my CCW gun. As I had hoped, this pistol fit my existing BP9CC holster: the Cloak Tuck 2.0 from Alien Gear. The Cloak Tuck 2.0 is a tuckable inside-the-waistband rig that uses a soft neoprene backer with a molded polymer shell to secure the gun and provide a very comfortable carry experience. In addition to providing a pleasing and reliable carry platform, the Alien Gear rigs are inexpensive, offer a "forever warranty," 30-day money-back guarantee and are made in the U.S.A.

For me, carrying the BP40CC slightly behind the strong-side hip offered the best combination of comfort, concealment and quick access. Although the Bersa is larger than some of the subcompact pistols on the market, I found that the thinness of the gun combined well with its moderate weight to carry easily during any normal activities. Walking, sitting, doing yard work and washing dishes were all perfectly comfortable—and comforting—with the BP40CC riding in the Alien Gear holster.

Final Shots

Bersa has developed a good line of pistols in the BP series. I've shot each of the three caliber offerings and all have performed very well. The pistols carry well and fit my hand exceptionally well. If you are looking for a concealed-carry pistol in .40 S&W, the BP40CC is worth your attention. If another caliber is more to your liking, consider the 9mm and .380 ACP models. With a suggested retail price of only \$430, the guns are a bargain. 🗡️

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THE RUGER LCP HAS BEEN a standard for concealed-carry use since its introduction back in 2008, when the little double-action-only (DAO) pistol, with its black, glass-filled nylon frame and very "pocketable" 2.75-inch barrel, made the .380 ACP cartridge the most popular self-defense round in America. Since then, the number of subcompact .380 ACPs has been increasing exponentially, but the LCP still remains one of the very best and most affordable pocket pistols in the world.

What made the LCP popular was the simplicity of its design, ease of use and natural balance in the hand, but that came at a cost. With the very low, rounded sights integrated into the flat, blue, alloy steel slide, the LCP lacked any capability for upgrading to white-dot sights, and its small size and construction eliminated the possibility of adding a laser grip. This was finally addressed

by Crimson Trace with the Laserguard, and then in 2012 by LaserMax with a similar triggerguard-mounted red laser sighting system, both available today from Ruger as part of an LCP package. Problem solved, with one small exception: A red laser has limited effectiveness in daylight or brightly illuminated rooms. What the LCP needed was a green laser, a virtual impossibility until Viridian took the next step.

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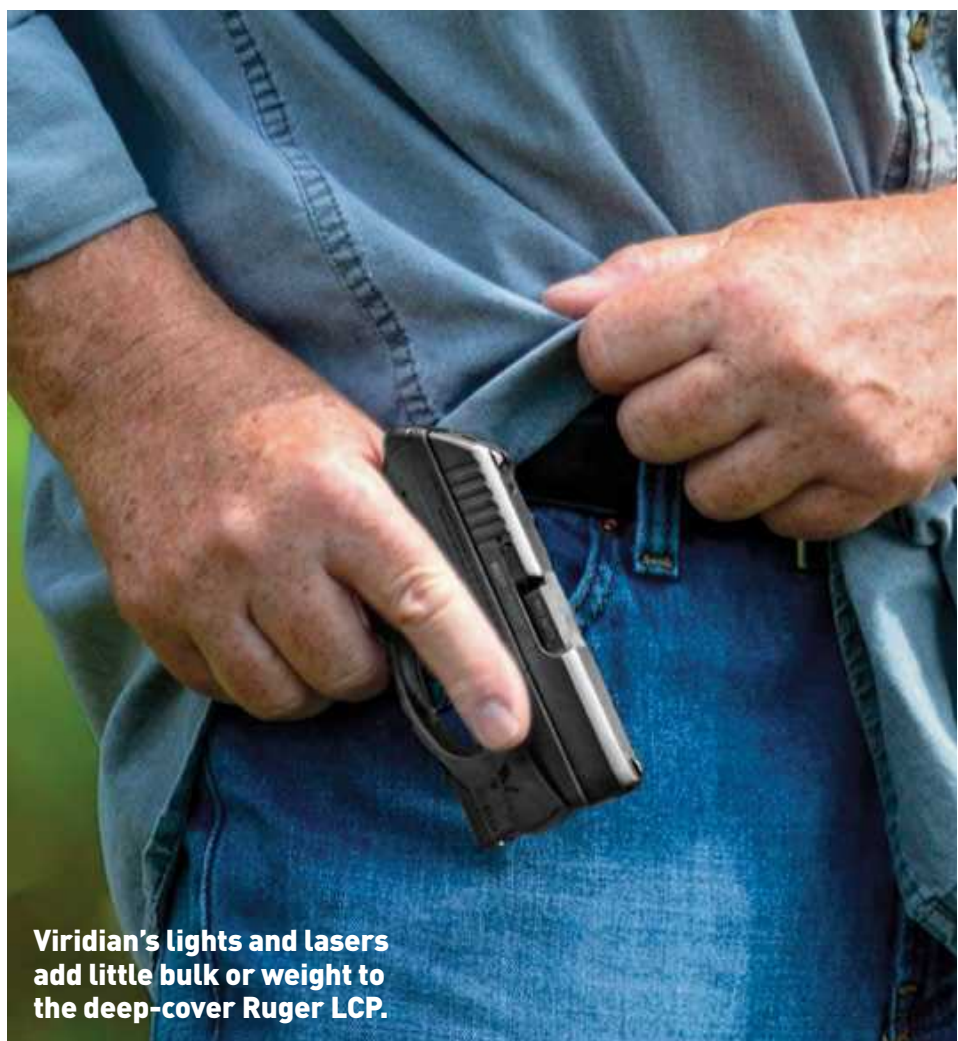
The daylight-visible, 532-nanometer Viridian Reactor 5 green laser and 140-lumen Reactor TL tactical light provide the LCP with a compact, triggerguard-mounted accessory suitable for every lighting scenario. The Viridian does not use a pressure pad on the grips or a micro switch on the unit that has to be manually activated. Viridian Reactor Series units come with a Viridian

instant-on Enhanced Combat Readiness (ECR) pocket holster that automatically activates the laser or tactical light the moment the gun is drawn. The design is based on the company's larger laser/tactical lights and TacLoc Laser-Ready Autolocking Holster technology available for compact and full-sized semi-autos, including Springfield's XD series, S&W's M&P, the Glock 17, G22, G19 and G23, Sig Sauer P220, P226 and P229 models, among others. However, scaling the ECR technology down to work on a pocket pistol the size of the LCP is a quite a task, especially for a gun that weighs only 9.7 ounces (empty) accessorized with a green laser that adds only 0.78 ounces to the carry weight. A green laser and light that small is a first for the LCP.

The pocket holster that comes with the Viridian has a soft, nylon-lined pouch and exterior with a rubberized band around the middle to keep it secure and

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Viridian's lights and lasers add little bulk or weight to the deep-cover Ruger LCP.



Viridian's LCP units come with Instant-On Enhanced Combat Readiness (ECR) pocket holsters.

upright in the pocket. What's different about this otherwise very familiar-looking pocket rig is a magnetic pad built into the support band that interacts with an on/off sensor on the Viridian housing, allowing the laser or tactical light to be left on when the gun is holstered. As soon as the LCP seats in the pocket rig, the device automatically turns off and remains at the ready until the gun is drawn. All of it—the gun, laser and holster—can seamlessly disappear in a trouser pocket. There are also several pocket, belt and IWB holsters for the Viridian-equipped LCP available from Galco and DeSantis all using similar instant-on technology.

Red Vs. Green

The advantage of a green laser over a red laser is the effective visual range (EVR), which differs significantly between red and green depending upon lighting conditions. In darkness or subdued light, both red and green laser beams are easy to pick up, but as ambient light increases, red lasers become relatively more difficult to define and their EVR begins to diminish as the distance to the target increases. This does not happen as quickly with a green laser. The easiest explanation is that a green laser beam is brighter and easier to see than a red one, but that's a half-truth. A green laser is easier to see, but it isn't actu-

“Viridian Reactor Series units come with a Viridian instant-on Enhanced Combat Readiness (ECR) pocket holster that automatically activates the laser or tactical light the moment the gun is drawn.”

ally brighter; our eyes are just more sensitive to the green color spectrum, allowing a green laser to appear up to 50-times brighter than red in daylight or brightly illuminated rooms. The scientific explanation is based on wavelengths and nanometers. A red laser has a longer wavelength averaging 650 nanometers; green lasers are in the 532-nanometer range, the ideal wavelength to maximize visibility day or night. Green is closer to the center of the visible spectrum; at 532 nanometers, a green laser is easier for our eyes to perceive, even though both green and red lasers have the exact same peak power output of 5 milliwatts. In a brightly illuminated room or in daylight, a green laser will paint a target at up to 25 yards or more, which is beyond

the theoretical capability of a red laser in daylight (not that the beam isn't there—we just can't see it). Thus the choice between red and green is literally all in the eye of the beholder!

A green laser, however, is harder to manufacture than red; it requires more components and more power to operate, and thus creating one small enough to fit under the Ruger LCP triggerguard is a first for Viridian. Two small CR-1/3N 3-volt lithium batteries power the Reactor Series units. The bright green Viridian battery set that comes with the Reactor 5 (there are two extra batteries included, too) is rated for 1 hour of continuous use. The laser has two operating modes that are set by depressing the master on/off switch to either



The Reactor 5 green laser (above) is powered by two 3-volt CR1/3N lithium batteries. The Reactor TL (far left) offers 140 lumens and uses Radiance wide-beam technology.

“constant on” or “pulsing.” The pulse setting increases battery life to 2 hours of continuous use. A pulsing laser beam is also easier to pick up under certain lighting conditions.

The Viridian Reactor TL tactical light also has two settings—140 lumens or strobe. As a tactical light, the batteries provide 30 minutes of continuous use, and in strobe mode provide 50 minutes. There is also a battery-level indicator on either Viridian housing that glows green whenever the unit is turned on, off or drawn from the holster. If power levels fall below 20 percent, it will glow red, indicating that batteries should be replaced. And if either the laser or tactical light are inadvertently left on, after five minutes they automatically give a warning blink (pulse) and then shut off to eliminate the possibility of depleting the batteries any further.

On Target

To test the Viridian green laser, I shot at high noon to evaluate effective visual range. With a B-27 silhouette target set up at a distance of 7 yards, I made the initial windage and elevation adjustments to the laser to match it up with the open sights on the LCP. Viridian recommends

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► **SPECIFICATIONS**

RUGER LCP

Caliber	.380 ACP
Barrel	2.75 inches
OA Length	5.2 inches
Weight	9.7 ounces (empty)
Sights	Fixed
Grips	Glass-filled nylon
Action	DAO
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	6+1
MSRP	\$389

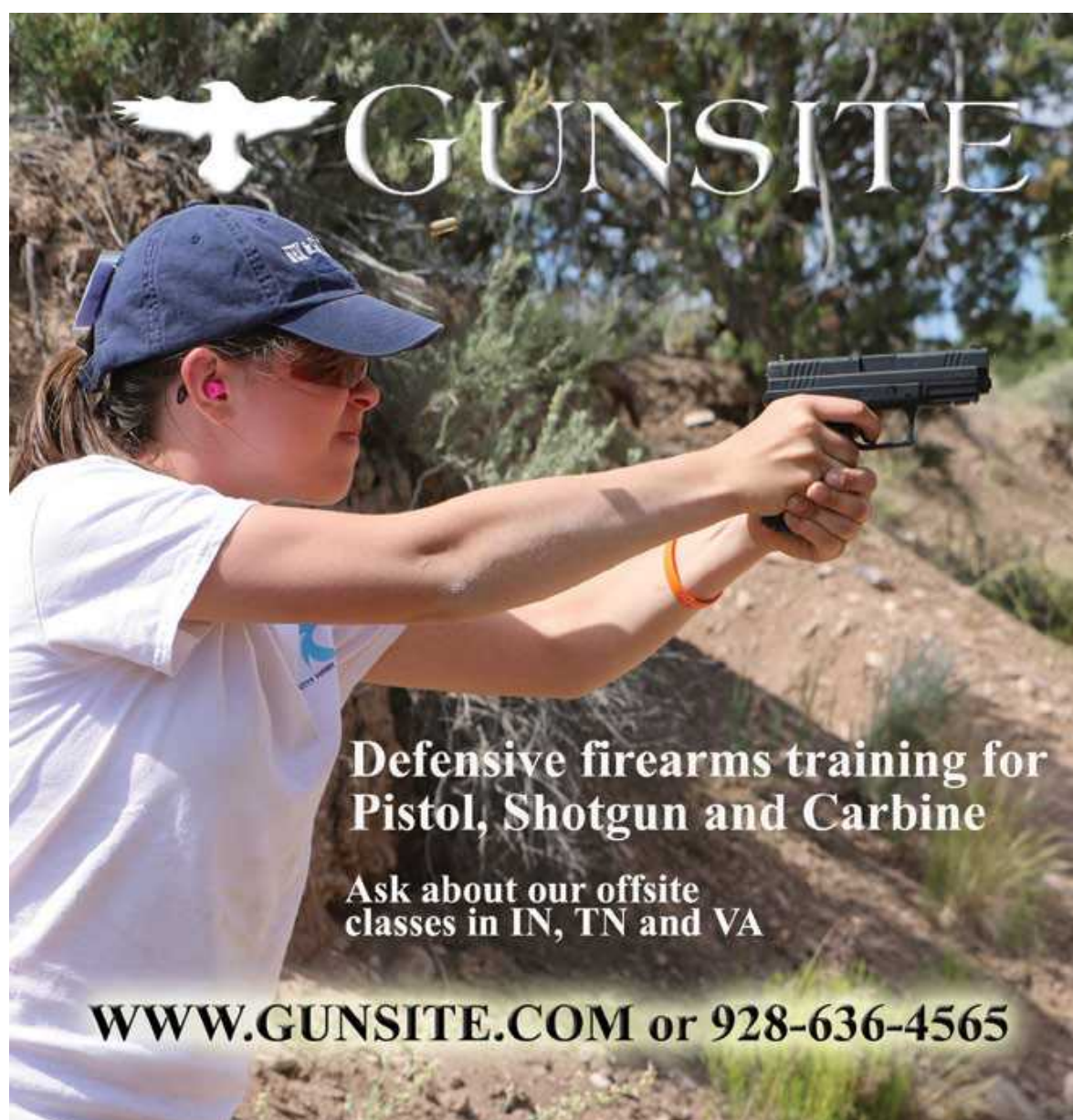
shooting three test shots at this point to see if the point of impact is the same. It only took six shots to get the laser zeroed in at 7 yards. From there, I began shooting at distances from 7 yards out to 25 yards with Speer Gold Dot 90-grain hollow-point (HP) rounds. The best five-round group, fired using a two-handed hold, measured 1.5 inches, all within the X ring of a cardboard B-27 silhouette target. Stepping back to 15 yards, five rounds connected at 1.88 inches, hitting in the X, 10 and 9 rings. In full daylight at 25 yards, the distance to the target is a push for the LCP's 2.75-inch barrel. Nevertheless, I was able to pick up the Viridian green laser at this range and carefully squeeze off the first shot, which hit the target at the top edge of the X ring. The next four shots were not as good, all hitting in the 9 ring at different positions for an overall spread of 5.5 inches. Still, at 25 yards, firing off-hand with an LCP and placing five out of five in the center body mass is nothing to be ashamed of. I have never done that with the gun's open sights.

A Ruger LCP has been riding in my front pocket for more than five years and it truly becomes second nature to carry this gun concealed every day. Equipped with a Viridian green laser and the Viridian pocket holster, the LCP becomes an even more capable defensive sidearm. For close-quarter use, the green laser makes this a very accurate and easy to target semi-auto, no matter what the lighting conditions, from zero dark thirty to high noon. 🔫

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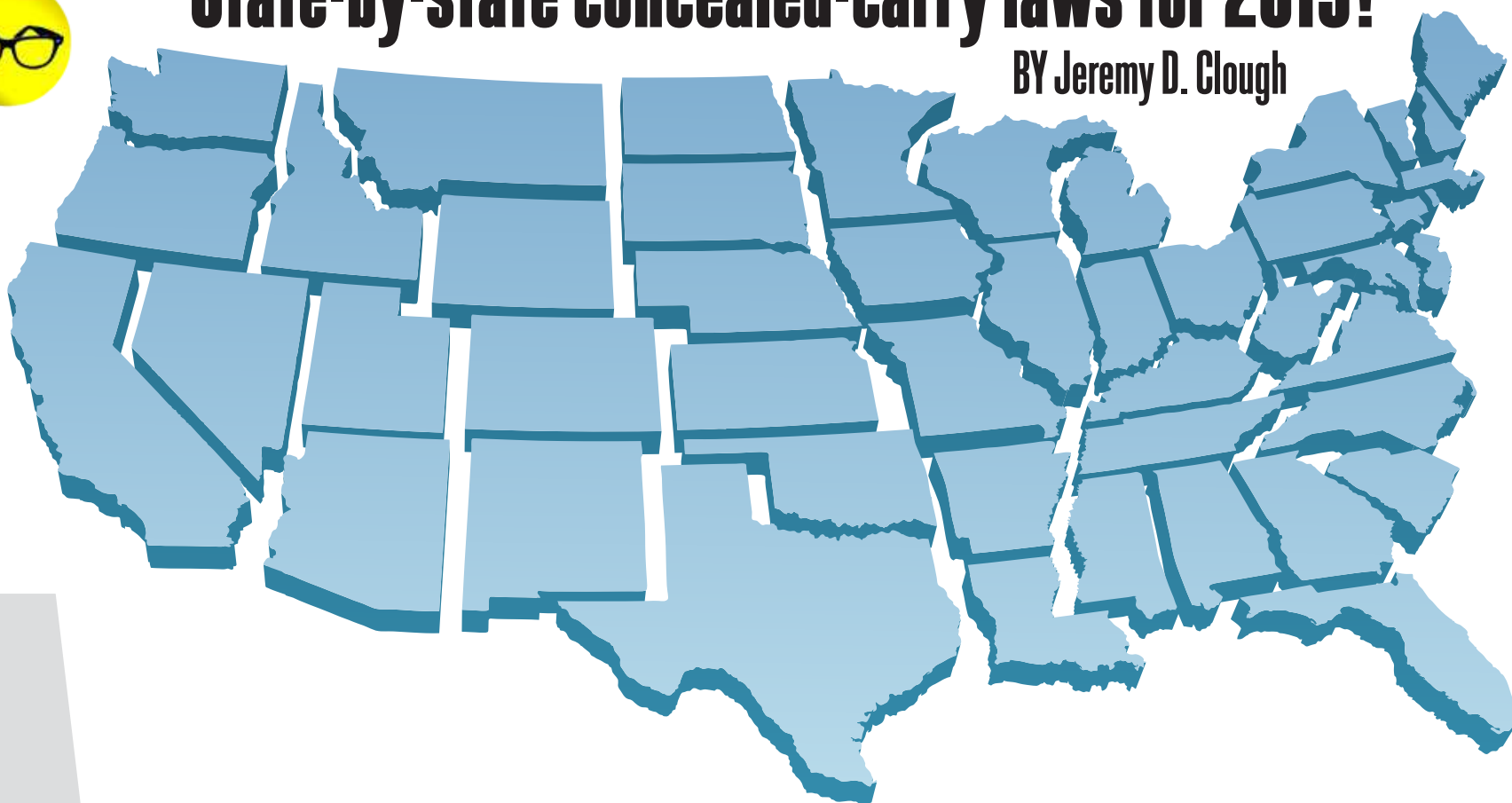
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CARRY LAWS

State-by-state concealed-carry laws for 2015!



BY Jeremy D. Clough



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ALTHOUGH ALL 50 STATES now allow some form of concealed carry, the laws governing it are as different as the states themselves, and are constantly changing. The following is a general overview of each state's laws on issuing permits, as well as whether or not they issue permits to non-residents and if they recognize permits from other states. While "reciprocity" is a term of art, I've used it here in the more general sense of whether or not they will recognize another state's permit. The exact terms of the reciprocity they offer are, of course, different for each state. Just because they recognize some out-of-state permits doesn't mean they recognize one from your state, so you'll need to check that.

Other restrictions to be aware of are ammunition or magazine capacity laws as well as the law of self-defense for that state. Included are links to official sources in each state as well as the citation for their CCW statute, to serve as starting points for the additional research you should do to make sure you obey the law.

What follows is not legal advice. For that you must contact an attorney

licensed in that state who specializes in this area of law. This article is not intended to answer all the questions you need to ask, but to tell you where to look for the answers you need.

Be aware that laws change constantly and new ones often become effective at unpredictable times. Almost a third of states made some changes to their CCW law during 2015 (almost half since 2014) and some states have as many as three different versions of their CCW law staged to take effect at different times.

“Be aware that laws change...Almost a third of states made some changes to their CCW law during 2015...”

There's no guarantee that they won't change again by the time this gets to press and into your hands. Further complicating things, available information, even when it comes from state agencies, may be conflicting. While the information in this article came from state government sources (including directly from the most recently published statutes), do not

rely on this or any other unofficial source. Verify all information prior to traveling, and if you have any doubt at all about carrying, don't do it.

There is a school of thought that says you should push the limits on such things, and you'll find no shortage of anonymous people on the Internet enthusiastically urging you to do it. They will not be going to jail in your place, paying your legal fees or be the ones stripped of their right to carry a firearm, however, in the future when you get caught. Don't

lose your right to carry. Don't let them dupe you into being a test case.

We are fortunate to live in a time when states are increasingly recognizing the right to self-protection. The continued expansion of these rights depends on those who exercise them in a legal and responsible manner. Stay informed and stay legal. 🗡️

ALABAMA

Website: www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Gun-Reprocity-Law%20
Statute: Code of Ala. § 13A-11-75
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: Varies by jurisdiction and length of time for which permit is issued
Length: 1-5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Law rewritten extensively, effective August 1, 2013. While Alabama used to only recognize those states that reciprocally recognize their permit, they now recognize any carry permit.

ALASKA

Website: dps.state.ak.us/Statewide/PermitsLicensing/concealedhandguns.aspx
Statute: Alaska Statutes 18.65.700
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety; apply at State Trooper office
Cost: Up to \$99 initial/\$30 renewal
Length: Up to 5 years (expires on the person’s birth-day in the fifth year following issuance)
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry concealed in Alaska

ARIZONA

Website: www.azdps.gov/Services/Concealed_Weapons/
Statute: A.R.S. § 13-3102, 13-3112
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Concealed Weapons Permits Unit
Cost: \$60 initial/\$43 renewal
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry a weapon in Arizona. Consult state laws on where and how weapons may be carried.

ARKANSAS

Website: asp.arkansas.gov/services-and-programs/detail/concealed-handgun-licensing
Statute: A.C.A. § 5-73-309
Issuing Authority: Department of State Police
Cost: \$100 plus other costs if under 65 years of age, \$50 plus other costs if over 65. Renewals are \$35 plus other costs, with no difference based on age.
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Some minor changes to eligibility, generally regarding retired law enforcement and military personnel, were approved by the governor in February and March of 2015. Most significantly, the age requirement of 21 years has been reduced to 18 for those who have served in the military.

CALIFORNIA

Website: oag.ca.gov/firearms
Statute: Cal Pen Code § 26150, 26155
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff or Chief/Head of Police
Cost: Varies and statute provides for them to increase on a regular basis
Length: 2-year maximum for civilian permit
Terms of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: Not provided for
Out of State Permits: Code appears to allow county sheriff to grant a permit to one not residing in their county if their primary place of business is there and they spend a “substantial period of time” there.

COLORADO

Website: www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/chpstatutes
Statute: C.R.S. 18-12-203
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: No more than \$100 initial, \$50 renewal, plus other fees
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes, but appears to apply to only resident permits
Out of State Permits: No
Note: A temporary emergency permit is also available. Effective July 1, 2013, Colorado banned the acquisition

of magazines that contain over 15 rounds. Unlike the nationwide ban in 1994, when magazines manufactured prior to the ban were still regularly sold after it went into effect, in Colorado magazines manufactured before the ban appear to be “grandfathered in” only if you actually possessed them prior to the ban and maintained continuous possession of them since that time.

CONNECTICUT

Website: www.ct.gov/despp/cwp/view.asp?a=4213&q=494614&desppNav_GID=2080
Statute: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 29-28
Issuing Authority: Chief of Police, Warden or First Selectman for temporary permit; Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police) for state permit and for non-residents
Cost: \$140 initial (\$70 for local, \$70 for state) plus other fees, \$70 renewal.
Length: 5 years for state; temporary permit unclear, but must receive state permit within 60 days of receiving local permit
Terms of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: No
Out of State Permits: Yes; but statute appears to require that non-residents already be permitted by another jurisdiction.
Note: Applicants must apply locally for a temporary permit prior to eligibility for a state permit. Out-of-state applicants must apply directly to Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police). On April 5, 2013, new restrictions took effect on certain firearms designated “assault weapons,” as well as magazines containing more than 10 rounds.

DELAWARE

Website: courts.delaware.gov/Superior/weapons.stm
Statute: 11 Del. C. § 1441
Issuing Authority: Prothonotary of Superior Court
Cost: \$65 initial/renewal
Length: 2 years initial/3 renewal; expires on June 1
Terms of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Attorney general has authority to issue a short-term permit to a non-resident under very limited circumstances
Note: The statute allows for a 3-year initial permit/5-year renewal, but procedural rules only allow 2-year/3-year permits.

FLORIDA

Website: www.freshfromflorida.com/#Concealed-Weapons
Statute: Fla. Stat. § 790.06
Issuing Authority: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Cost: \$112 initial, \$60 renewal (\$102 renewal if non-resident)
Length: 7 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: Reciprocity appears to apply only to those with permits issued by their state of residence. Effective July 1, 2014, law was changed to allow for appointment of tax collectors to receive CCW applications.

GEORGIA

Website: dps.georgia.gov/georgias-firearm-permit-reciprocity (reciprocity information only)
Statute: O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129
Issuing Authority: Judge of County Probate Court
Cost: \$30 initial/renewal plus additional fees that vary by county, \$1 for temporary renewal permit
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Georgia passed a sweeping concealed-carry reform bill that became effective on July 1, 2014. It clarified and dramatically increased the areas where permit holders could carry, long a grey area in Georgia law, and allowed churches to opt-in to permit concealed carry.

HAWAII

Website: www.honolulupd.org/information/index.php?page=gunmain
Statute: HRS § 134-9
Issuing Authority: Chief of Police
Cost: \$10
Length: 1 year
Terms of Issuance: May issue “in an exceptional case”
Reciprocity: No

Out of State Permits: Appears to be provided for
Note: Permits appear to be limited to carrying in the counties in which they are issued. No residency requirement appears in the statute, which also authorizes permits for certain foreign nationals.

IDAHO

Website: www.ag.idaho.gov/concealedWeapons/concealedWeapons_index.html
Statute: Idaho Code § 18-3302, § 18-3302K (enhanced permit)
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$20 initial, \$15 renewal plus additional fees.
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: yes
Note: Effective July 1, 2013, an “enhanced” permit became available, which is issued to residents or non-residents who already have a permit in their state of residence. It requires training, a requirement that is otherwise discretionary with the issuing sheriff. Certain minor changes became effective July 1, 2015.

ILLINOIS

Website: www.ispsfb.com/Public/CCL.aspx
Statute: 430 ILCS 66/10
Issuing Authority: Department of State Police
Cost: \$150 initial/renewal for resident, \$300 initial/renewal for non-resident
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: No
Out of State Permits: Yes, if state of residence has substantially similar weapons laws
Note: Concealed carry passed in Illinois in July of 2013, with some minor changes to the law in December 2013. Non-residents who may lawfully carry in their home state are not prohibited from transporting a concealed firearm within their vehicle in Illinois, but may not remove the gun from their vehicle and may not leave it unsecured if they get out.

INDIANA

Website: www.in.gov/isp/3179.htm
Statute: Indiana Code § 35-47-2-3
Issuing Authority: Superintendent of State Police through local chief law enforcement officer (Chief of Police/Sheriff)
Cost: \$40-125 plus fingerprints for “unlimited” license; “qualified” license is only for hunting and target shooting
Length: 4 years or lifetime
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: yes
Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be issued to those with a regular place of business in Indiana. Some minor elements of law changed effective July 1, 2014.

IOWA

Website: www.dps.state.ia.us/asd/weapon_permits.shtml
Statute: Iowa Code § 724.11
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff, or Commissioner of Public Safety for out-of-state applicants.
Cost: \$50 initial/\$25 renewal
Length: 5 year for a nonprofessional, 1 year for a professional or the duration of employment for some LE personnel.
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes, but professional permit only
Note: Contact Commissioner of Public Safety for out-of-state and some professional permits.

KANSAS

Website: ag.ks.gov/public-safety/concealedcarry
Statute: K.S.A. § 75-7c05
Issuing Authority: Attorney General through County Sheriff
Cost: \$132.50 initial/\$25 renewal
Length: 4 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: While a permit is available, pursuant to legislation passed in 2015 no permit is required to carry concealed in Kansas. Certain other minor changes were approved on April 2, 2015.

KENTUCKY

Website: www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm

Statute: KRS § 237.110

Issuing Authority: State Police through County Sheriff

Cost: \$60 initial/\$60 renewal

Length: 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: Some changes to the statute became effective July 15, 2014. This included a provision allowing electronic applications and for those moving into the state with permits from their prior states of residence to carry for 120 days after becoming a Kentucky resident and meeting certain filing requirements. Some changes to the training requirements became law on March 23, 2015.

LOUISIANA

Website: www.lsp.org/handguns.html

Statute: La. R.S. 40:1379.3

Issuing Authority: Deputy Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Cost: \$25 per year initial/renewal with possible additional fees for initial, including a one-time \$50 for those who have not resided in the state for the 15 years prior to application. Annual cost reduced by half for those 65 and older. Lifetime permit requires 20-year prepayment for under 65, 10-year prepay for those over 65.

Length: 5 years or lifetime, with statutory provision for less than 5 years and proof of training required every 5 years for lifetime.

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: Some elements of the law changed January 1, 2014, including mental health records and procedures. A provision reducing fees for service members and veterans went into effect July 4, 2014.

MAINE

Website: www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html

Statute: 25 M.R.S. § 2003

Issuing Authority: Varies by area of residence: Mayor/Municipal Authority, Chief of local Police or Chief of State Police

Cost: \$35 initial/\$20 renewal (\$60 initial/renewal for non-residents)

Length: 4 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: Some minor changes become effective May 29, 2015.

MARYLAND

Website: www.mdsp.org/Organization/SupportServicesBureau/LicensingDivision/MainLicensingPage/LicensingandRegistration/Firearms/WearandCarryPermit.aspx

Statute: Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 5-306

Issuing Authority: Secretary of State Police

Cost: \$75 initial/\$50 renewal, plus other fees

Length: 2 years initial/3 years renewal

Terms of Issuance: Statute reads “shall issue,” but requires a “good and substantial” reason

Reciprocity: No

Out of State Permits: Appears to provided for

Note: Certain training requirements for new permits and renewals took effect October 1, 2013.

MASSACHUSETTS

Website: www.mass.gov/eopss/firearms-reg-and-laws/

Statute: ALM GL ch. 140, § 131

Issuing Authority: Local Licensing Authority or Colonel of State Police

Cost: \$100

Length: 5-6 years, expires on applicant’s birthday

Terms of Issuance: May issue

Reciprocity: No

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: There are currently two different versions of Massachusetts’ CCW statute: one in effect until January 1, 2021 (which is the one covered above) and a second that goes into effect January 1, 2021. Temporary permits for nonresidents appear to only be available for firearms competition.

MICHIGAN

Website: www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-

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Statute: MCLS § 28.422

Issuing Authority: County Concealed Weapon Licensing Board until November 30, 2015; County Clerk of Court on December 1, 2015 and thereafter. Cost: \$105 initial (\$100 after December 1, 2015) and \$115 renewal

Length: 4-5 years, expires on applicant’s birthday

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: Reciprocity does not appear to be extended to non-resident permits. Effective December 1, 2015, the old County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board system is abolished; other changes in the statute (such as renewal information) took effect in May, June and July 2015 and appear contradictory in some details.

MINNESOTA

Website: dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Pages/Permit-to-Carry-FAQ.aspx

Statute: Minn. Stat. § 624.714

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$100 or less initial/\$75 or less renewal

Length: 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes

MISSISSIPPI

Website: www.dps.state.ms.us/firearms/firearms-permit-unit/

Statute: Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-101

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety

Cost: \$80 initial/\$40 renewal (resident over 65, renewal fee is \$20), with possible other fees

Length: 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes (statute allows residency requirement to be waived. DPS website, however, says it does not issue non-resident permits)

Note: Disabled veterans and active-duty military are exempt from the application and renewal fees. Other changes (including the fees listed above) became effective July 1, 2015, including a provision that allows handguns to carried in a purse, briefcase or similar container without a permit. The “enhanced” permit has a training requirement and allows carry into otherwise prohibited areas.

MISSOURI

Website: www.mosheriffs.com/?page_id=2334

Website: ago.mo.gov/divisions/public-safety/concealed-carry-reciprocity (reciprocity information only)

Statute: § 571.101 R.S.Mo.

Issuing Authority: County or City Sheriff or designee

Cost: \$100 or less initial/\$50 or less renewal

Length: 3 years if issued prior to August 28, 2013, 5 years if later

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: A series of minor yet pervasive changes became effective on August 28, 2014

MONTANA

Website: doj.mt.gov/enforcement/concealed-weapons/

Statute: Mont. Code Anno., § 45-8-321

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$50 initial/\$25 renewal, with possible additional \$5 fingerprint fee

Length: 4 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

Note: A minor wording change took effect on April 1, 2015. As of March 27, 2015, renewals do not require re-fingerprinting.

NEBRASKA

Website: statepatrol.nebraska.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx

Statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 69-2433

Issuing Authority: State Patrol

Cost: \$100 initial/\$50 renewal

Length: 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

NEVADA

Website: www.lvmpd.com/Permits/ConcealedFirearms/tabid/124/Default.aspx

Website: [gsd.nv.gov/Resources/Carry_Concealed_Weapon_\(CCW\)_Permit/](http://gsd.nv.gov/Resources/Carry_Concealed_Weapon_(CCW)_Permit/)

Statute: Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.3657

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$60 initial/\$25 renewal, plus additional fees

Length: 5 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Website: www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/ssb/permitslicensing/plupr.html

Statute: RSA 159:6

Issuing Authority: Local policing agency for residents, director of State Police or designee for non-residents

Cost: \$10 resident/\$100 non-resident

Length: Not less than 4 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: Reciprocity is not extended to permits issued by a state in which the permit holder does not reside.

NEW JERSEY

Website: www.state.nj.us/njsp/about/fire_ag2.html

Statute: N.J. Stat. § 2C:58-4, N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.1

Issuing Authority: Apply to Chief Police Officer/Superintendent of State Police, but issued by Superior Court

Cost: \$20 plus additional fees

Length: 2 years

Terms of Issuance: May issue

Reciprocity: No

Out of State Permits: Yes

Note: The statute says that Superior Court “shall” issue a permit, “but only if...satisfied that the applicant...has a justifiable need to carry.”

NEW MEXICO

Website: www.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/nm-concealed-carry/

Statute: N.M. Stat. Ann. § 29-19-4

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety

Cost: Not more than \$100, plus fingerprint fee initial/\$75 renewal

Length: 4 years, with refresher course required at 2 years

Terms of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out of State Permits: No

NEW YORK

Website: www.troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/

Statute: NY CLS Penal § 400.00

Issuing Authority: County or City Licensing Officer with procedural oversight by Superintendent of State Police.

Cost: Varies by geographic location

Length: Varies by geographic location, but all permits must be recertified to the division of State Police every 5 years.

Terms of Issuance: May issue

Reciprocity: Statute does not appear to provide for it

Out of State Permits: Unclear, but appears so

Note: Some changes to the concealed-carry law were made in 2013, including provisions keeping certain records from public disclosure, and a statewide license and record database was created effective January 15, 2014. In January 2013, as a reaction to the murders at Sandy Hook elementary school, New York quickly passed an extensive gun control law that includes a ban on magazines holding more than seven rounds, a poorly-thought-out measure that effectively criminalized even law enforcement officers who possessed such magazines. Since that time, portions of the statute have been suspended. The state of the law, however, is very fluid, and if you plan on passing through any part of New York, it would be wise to contact an attorney for legal advice.

NORTH CAROLINA

Website: www.ncdoj.gov/about-doj/law-enforcement-training-and-standards/law-enforcement-liason/concealed-weapon-reciprocity.aspx (reciprocity information only)

Statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.12

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$80 plus up to \$10 for fingerprints initial/\$75 renewal
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No

NORTH DAKOTA
Website: www.ag.nd.gov/BCI/CW/CW.htm
Statute: N.D. Cent. Code, § 62.1-04-03
Issuing Authority: Bureau of Criminal Investigation/ Attorney General
Cost: \$60 plus fingerprints and \$50 testing fee initial/\$60 renewal plus additional testing fees for Class 1 license.
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: Several changes went into effect in 2013, including, per the attorney general’s office, that all North Dakota licenses issued to residents of non-reciprocal states are now invalid. Other minor changes were approved April 15, 2015. Class 1 permits have greater reciprocity recognition than Class 2 permits.

OHIO
Website: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx/?from=nav
Statute: ORC Ann. 2923.125
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$67 initial plus other possible fees/\$50 renewal plus other possible fees
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes, but appears to be limited to those employed in Ohio
Note: Certain changes to the law became effective March 23, 2015

OKLAHOMA
Website: www.ok.gov/osbi/Concealed_Weapons_Licensing/
Statute: 21 Okl. St. § 1290.12
Issuing Authority: State Bureau of Investigation
Cost: \$100 initial for 5 years/\$85 renewal plus no more than \$25 for fingerprints; \$200 initial for 10 years/\$170 renewal
Length: 5 years or 10 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Temporary permits are available for those who have been given a domestic abuse protective order. The law was updated in 2014 to allow payment of application fees via electronic funds transfer. Other changes were approved in April and May 2015 and will become effective in November 2015.

OREGON
Website: licenseinfo.oregon.gov/?fuseaction=link_class&class_list=14705&class_name=Concealed%20handguns
Statute: ORS § 166.291
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$65 for initial/\$50 renewal
Length: 4 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: No
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: Some minor elements of the law change January 2, 2016. In March 2014, some changes were approved that affect eligibility for those with prior marijuana arrests.

PENNSYLVANIA
Website: www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=4451&&PageID=462424&level=2&css=L2&mode=2
Statute: 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff/Chief of Police
Cost: \$20 (an additional \$5 fee was set to expire by statute)
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence, if available)

RHODE ISLAND
Website: www.riag.ri.gov/Forms/BCIPermit%20Application.pdf (Attorney General permit)
Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-11, 18
Issuing Authority: Attorney General or local authorities, including Board of Police Commissioners/Chief or Superintendent of Police, Town Clerk, etc.
Cost: \$40
Length: 4 years
Terms of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: No (limited reciprocity extended to those passing through the state without delay, and appears to only apply in their vehicle)
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: While the attorney general may issue a permit based on a “proper showing of need,” under 11-47-18, 11-47-11 provides that local licensing authorities shall issue a permit to a “suitable person” with a “good” or “proper reason” for seeking a license.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Website: www.sled.sc.gov/cwp.aspx?MenuID=CWP
Statute: S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-215
Issuing Authority: S.C. Law Enforcement Division
Cost: \$50 initial/renewal, plus up to \$5 for fingerprints
Length: 5 years upon renewal
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Only if applicant owns real property (land) in South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA
Website: sdsos.gov/services-for-individuals/concealed-pistol-permits/default.aspx
Statute: S.D. Codified Laws § 23-7-7
Issuing Authority: Secretary of State through County Sheriff
Cost: \$10
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Certain minor changes in the application process were approved March 13, 2015.

TENNESSEE
Website: www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml
Statute: Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351
Issuing Authority: Tennessee Department of Safety/ Highway Patrol
Cost: \$115 initial plus \$5 or less for fingerprints/\$50 renewal, \$500 for lifetime
Length: 4 years or lifetime (with continuing eligibility check every 5 years)
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be provided to those who are regularly employed in the state and whose home state does not have reciprocity with Tennessee. Pursuant to a change in the law approved in May 2014, the length of the permit will change to five years, and other changes in the length of the permit are authorized so that permit and driver’s license renewal will coincide on the license holder’s birthday in the same year. These changes in permit length will affect application and renewal fees. It has until January 1, 2016 to be fully implemented. Certain additional changes, including the lifetime permit, took effect on July 1, 2015.

TEXAS
Website: www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/chlsindex.htm
Statute: Tex. Gov’t Code § 411.172
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety
Cost: \$140 initial/\$70 renewal, with some possible reductions, including a 50-percent reduction for those over 60 years of age or indigent
Length: First birthday after fourth anniversary of initial issuance, 5 years for renewal
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes
Note: Effective January 1, 2014, applicants are not required to submit Social Security number.

UTAH
Website: bci.utah.gov/concealed-firearm/
Statute: Utah Code Ann. § 53-5-704
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification

Cost: \$39 initial (\$49 for out of state)/\$15 renewal (all)
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence if that state has reciprocity with Utah)

VERMONT
Website: ago.vermont.gov/divisions/criminal-division/gun-laws.php
Statute: 13 V.S.A. § 4003
Issuing Authority: No permit required or available
Cost: N/A
Length: N/A
Terms of Issuance: N/A
Reciprocity: N/A
Out of State Permits: N/A
Note: No permit required for concealed carry.

VIRGINIA
Website: www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms.shtm
Statute: Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-308.02
Issuing Authority: Circuit Court
Cost: \$50 or less, \$100 or less for nonresident
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (apply to State Police)
Note: Certain minor elements of the law that do not affect the above information went into effect in 2015.

WASHINGTON
Website: www.atg.wa.gov/concealed-weapons
Statute: Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 9.41.070
Issuing Authority: Chief of Police/Sheriff
Cost: \$36 initial with possible additional fees/\$32 renewal
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes

WEST VIRGINIA
Website: www.ago.wv.gov/gunreciprocity/Pages/default.aspx (reciprocity only)
Statute: W. Va. Code § 61-7-4
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$75 plus additional \$25 fee
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Some minor changes were approved on April 1, 2015.

WISCONSIN
Website: www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/conceal-carry/concealed-carry
Statute: Wis. Stat. § 175.60
Issuing Authority: Department of Justice
Cost: Less than \$37 plus cost of background check initial (currently \$40 total)/less than \$12 plus cost of background check (appears to be \$10 for background check, though officials sources appear to be in conflict) renewal.
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: No
Note: Certain minor changes to the statute became effective in March and April of 2014.

WYOMING
Website: wyomingdci.wyo.gov/dci-criminal-justice-information-systems-section/concealed-firearms-permits
Statute: Wyo. Stat. § 6-8-104
Issuing Authority: Attorney General through County Sheriff
Cost: \$74 for initial plus possible other fees/\$50 renewal
Length: 5 years
Terms of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out of State Permits: Yes (applicant must be licensed to carry elsewhere; statute does not appear require that the license be from applicant’s state of residence)
Note: Though one is available, no permit is required to carry concealed in Wyoming as long as eligibility requirements are met.



Good-to-go gear to keep you armed and safe 24/7! BY PAUL D'ANGELO



AS WE GO ABOUT OUR DAILY LIVES some of us “tactically enabled” individuals realize that we are living in an uncertain world that is ripe for danger and violence. Just take a look at all the possible scenarios we may at some time encounter. Things like social unrest or rioting, crime, weather-related emergencies and other problems are increasingly happening around us. This makes it even more important to always be prepared.

Like many other tactically aware citizens, I realize that I am responsible for my own safety when out and about, and I prefer to always be legally armed in the event of a criminal attack. I also routinely carry an array of items that may make a huge difference when an emergency occurs. I call these items my “concealed carry ensemble.” It consists of all the practical and pertinent things that I believe I might need on a daily basis.

Many people carry a “bug-out” or “bail-out” bag of some sort when they leave their homes loaded to the hilt with all kinds of gear contained therein. While some consider this approach to be excessive, I think it may just be a small inconvenience in the end. I do think, however, that having such a bag loaded with survival items is a great idea—if carried in a vehicle, not on one’s person—in case of an emergency.



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“...not only can you use the light to find your way...but it can also...give you an edge in a close encounter.”



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What do you carry on a daily basis? A Swiss Army knife is a great idea for all of the tools it contains, but there are more considerations. A flashlight is absolutely critical, as you never know when you'll get stuck in a dark environment. Folding knives like those from Spyderco are another great option because they're easy to carry concealed and can get into action quickly in an emergency. Finally, consider carrying a small knife sharpener (left) for extended excursions.



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Compact Defense

What items are important to carry at all times? Let's start with the obvious: a firearm. I believe in the adage "two is one and one is none." Call it redundant if you must, but remember that Murphy (and his law) is alive and well.

In addition to your firearm or firearms, you need to carry extra ammo via magazines or speed strips if you carry a wheelgun. There are so many good carry guns available, which can make selection difficult for some. My advice is to go with a reputable firearm. It should feel good in the hand, and it should not be too large or too heavy because that could cause you to leave it at home.

The next important tool you should be carrying every day is a quality folding knife. A good knife has a multitude of uses throughout your day, including opening boxes or mail, cutting rope and cordage as well as serving as a last-ditch self-defense tool.

Knives are necessary as everyday tools. There are so many quality knives on the market to choose from, however, it sometimes becomes a difficult task, as size and weight will almost always be an issue in your everyday carry.

Spot The Threat

The flashlight is an important tool that should not be overlooked. It can be used to identify a threat in a darkened environment. It's been said that when you have a light you "own the night." These are truly words of wisdom. Your light can also be useful in a poorly lit parking lot as well as any indoor area with inadequate lighting.

The possibilities for this piece of gear are endless. Flashlight technology has come such a long way in the last few years. It is now possible to have a pocket-sized flashlight with the capability to temporarily blind an adversary. So you see, not only can you use the light to find your way in a darkened environment, but it can also be a tactical tool to give you an edge in a close encounter.

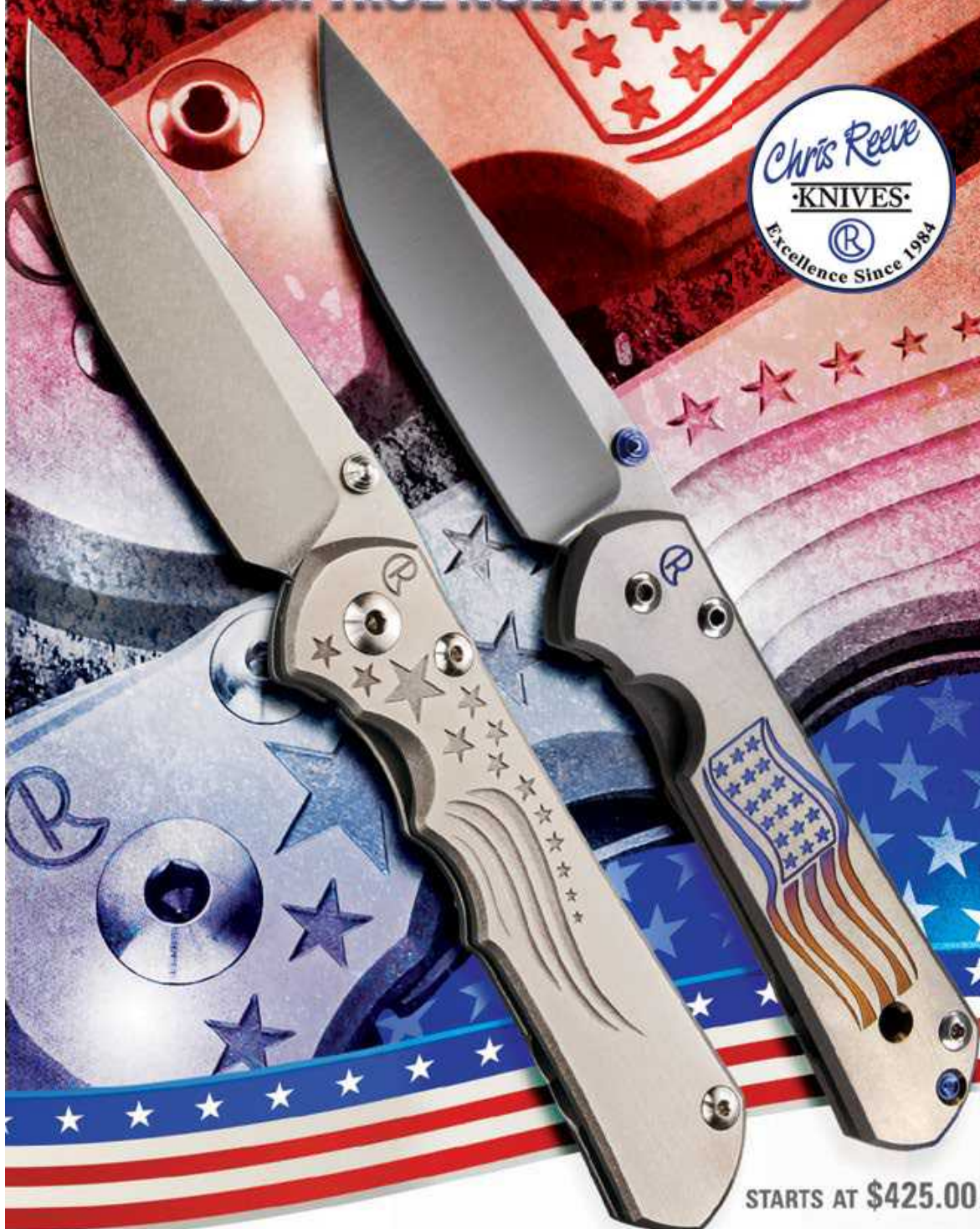
Tactical flashlights come in many brands, sizes and battery configurations. Some of these lights take AA batteries, which are readily available and inexpensive, but the more powerful ones work on the CR123 lithium battery. These batteries, although more expensive than alkaline, have a longer shelf life and work better in cold environments. If purchased in quantity, the cost is not as much of an issue. Your threshold for a tactical flashlight should be at least 125

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lumens. Some compact flashlights have several hundred lumens of light and still fit in the hand and pocket. Do some research and I'm sure you will find the perfect solution.

Close-Quarters Security

Oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray or "pepper spray" is another essential for every-day carry. It is an extreme irritant that, once deployed, will buy you some time to get away from the threat.

However, be aware that deploying OC in a windy scenario may result in self-contamination. OC comes in different sizes, delivery systems and strengths known as SHUs (Scoville heat units). Aim for a product with at least 2 million SHUs. Also be aware that OC spray may not have the desired effect when used on an individual under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other chemical substances. Some can still fight through it! Another option is the Kimber PepperBlaster II, a gun-shaped delivery device that even features sights, making it easy to hit your threat in the eyes without having to worry about any blowback coming your way.

What's on your key ring? People tend to carry many different things along with their keys. Some additional items that can come in handy are emergency whistles, miniature pens, fire steels, pry bars and tweezers. The possibilities are seemingly endless, limited only by one's imagination. Kubatons and other control instruments are also part of some key rings. Everyone has their particular likes and dislikes. If you tend to fly frequently, however, you might want to check with the TSA on what is allowed on flights.

Writing instruments are another popular carry item and may range from ordinary ballpoint pens to full-blown tactical pens that can double as a striking weapon or control tool. Your personal EDC is dependent upon your mode of dress. Casual dress is obviously more EDC friendly than a suit and tie. Of course, with a little imagination, you will be able to conceal quite a bit of necessary gadgets. Comfort is always important so choose wisely.

Ideally, you will carry something from each of the categories mentioned here everyday. Always remember that awareness and avoidance are incredibly important in today's world. Preparedness is equally important. With the right mindset and some appropriate tools, you will have a much better chance of survival. As always, stay alert and be safe. 🔫



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BUSTING FIBER OPTIC MYTHS



The advantages of using fiber-optic front sights on your everyday-carry pistol! BY JERRY JONES

FOR MANY YEARS THERE HAS BEEN quite the debate over which sights are best for concealed-carry purposes. From this debate, some great innovations have surfaced. We are fortunate to have a wide array of innovative sights these days. Some persistent myths, however, have been perpetuated regarding sighting choices for modern semi-automatic handguns used for self-defense.

Fiber-optic sights have been around a day or two, and they are still held in high regard within the shooting sports as the preferred front sight for many of the shooting disciplines. Just about everyone in the winner's circle has some form of a fiber-optic front sight. For many years the tactical community has been resistant to use fiber-optic sights, claiming they are too fragile. This myth, and many others, have subsequently drifted down into the carry community. In fact, we seem to be cheating ourselves of some very real advantages by not choosing a

fiber-optic front sight for our guns.

The obvious reason in the competition world that the fiber optic is so popular is the fact that it gathers light and makes the front sight easier to pick up. When we apply low-light/no-light techniques to the fiber optic, it actually works pretty well under most conditions. Even with night sights, gold beads or other front sight choices, you still have to have enough light to identify your target. If you have enough light to identify your target, the fiber optic will work pretty darn well. The key to success is proper installation and replacing the rod when needed.

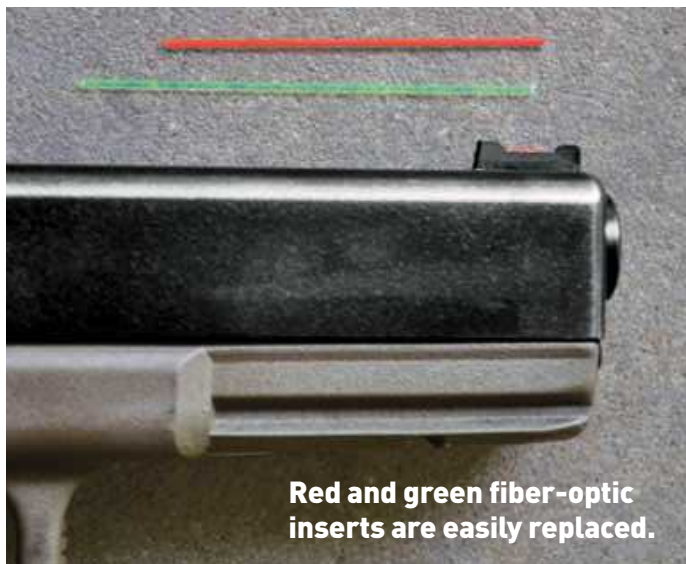
Sturdy Mounting

The first myth that is continually perpetuated is that fiber-optic sights are "too fragile" for carry use. I believe part of this myth surrounds improper installation of the fiber-optic rod. The installation method is the key to whether or not the sight will last. When you install

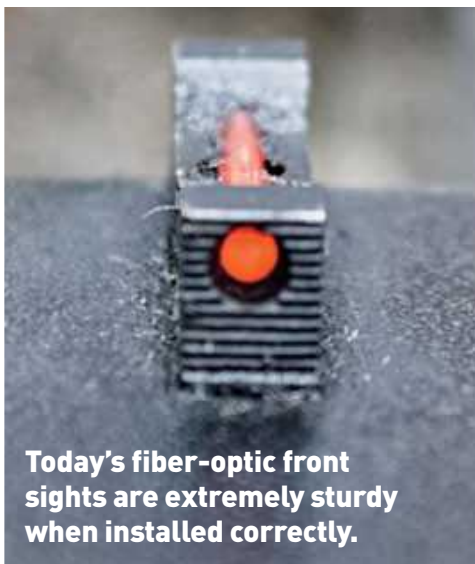
the rod in the base, you should heat the end you look at first, and then pull the rod back into the sight base. After doing that, trim the rod on the muzzle end and heat it properly. If you follow those proper steps, the rod will most likely not fall out. Fiber-optic rods will last thousands of rounds and many times in and out of the holster when properly installed.

What do we do if the fiber-optic rod does fall out at the exact time that we need the pistol to save our life? There is still enough of the front sight base there to align and break the shot. If you are using a flashlight to illuminate your target in close quarters, that illumination will show through where the rod is supposed to go. Problem solved!

Another key to making the front sight last for thousands of rounds and many repetitions in and out of the holster is your choice of cleaning solution. There are several quality options among the "greener" cleaning supplies that are less



Red and green fiber-optic inserts are easily replaced.



Today's fiber-optic front sights are extremely sturdy when installed correctly.

“Fiber-optic rods will last thousands of rounds and many times in and out of the holster when properly installed.”

harsh to the fiber-optic sights than in years gone by. By shopping around and doing a bit of research, we can find a number of cleaners/lubricants that work well but will help maintain our fiber-optic sights for years to come. If you do use a harsher cleaner, just change out your fiber-optic rod when it starts to turn colors or appears to shrink a bit in size.

Low-Light Tactics

Another myth seems to surround low-light use with the fiber-optic front sight. It is true that it won't glow in the dark like a tritium sight. I submit that the fiber-optic sight is not a drawback in this case, but it doesn't really shine as a sighting system, either. Most of the other low-light conditions will require the use of a handheld flashlight or a weapon-mounted light to identify the target. This proper use of a handheld light, and to some degree a weapon-mounted light, is very advantageous and gives the shooter almost daylight-type conditions in which to shoot their pistol. The shooter only needs to practice with the appropriate handheld light he or she would normally carry. They should also find the flashlight technique that provides them with the

best speed and accuracy. I've personally noticed on some targets that a SureFire X300 Ultra weapon-mounted light will illuminate the fiber optic sufficiently without the aid of a handheld light.

Trouble-Free Shooting

The fiber-optic front sight is a viable tool for concealed carry. It has no shelf life like tritium, and a fiber-optic front sight (and replacement fiber-optic tubes) will last the concealed carrier thousands upon thousands of rounds downrange. Those rounds will likely be trouble-free if you remember to follow proper installation and maintenance. 🔫



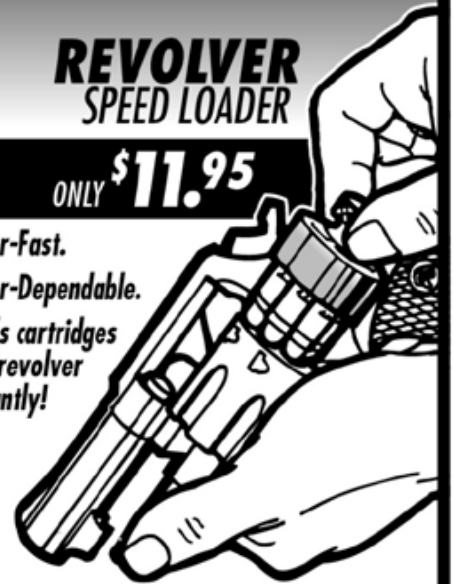
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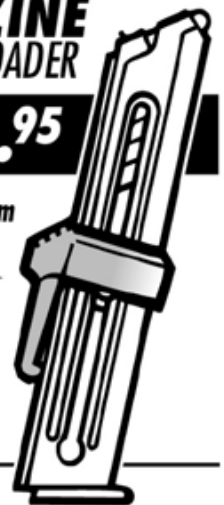
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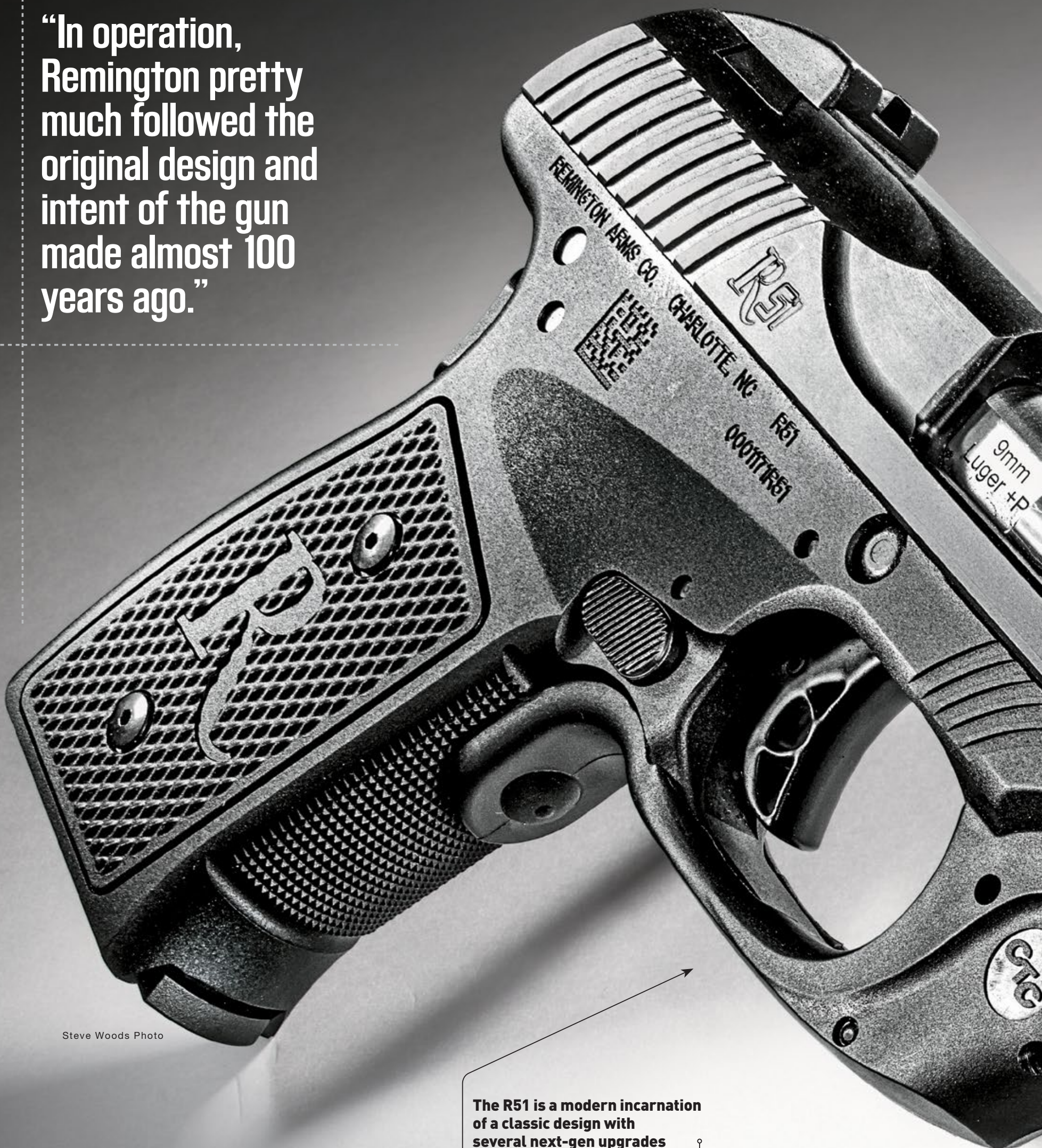
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“In operation, Remington pretty much followed the original design and intent of the gun made almost 100 years ago.”



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The R51 is a modern incarnation of a classic design with several next-gen upgrades for concealment. Shown with a Crimson Trace Laserguard.

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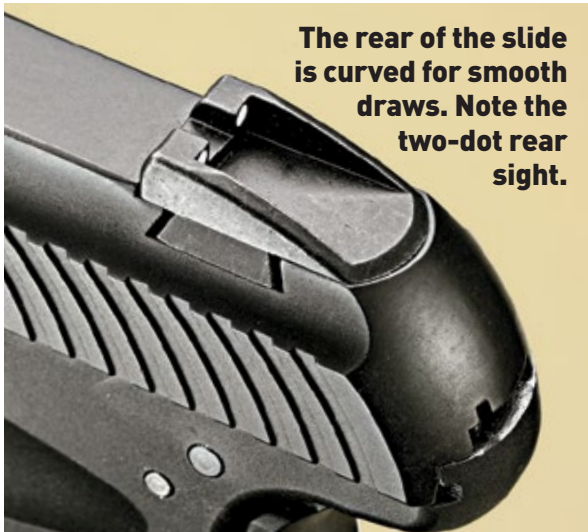
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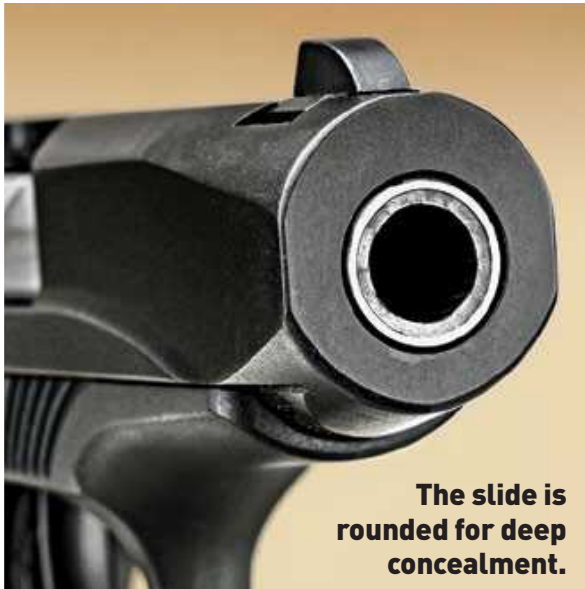
REMINGTON HAS BEEN well known for its precision rifles and shotguns. But with the market seemingly wide open and demanding of handguns, Remington decided to dip into its history and resources to pull out its fabled Model 51 .380 ACP pistol—a gun not made since its demise in 1927—and try again with something a bit more powerful.

Actually, we have to go further back in time to get the full scope of this pistol. While it's always good to write about a gun loaded with history, it's even nicer to dig deep into its original introduction and perhaps learn more about its origin. Such is the case with the original Remington Model 51.

According to such journalists as Julian Hatcher and R.K. Wilson, Remington seemed to be on the forefront of a very exciting era since, within the same period, guns for “home defense” from Colt, Smith & Wesson, Savage and Remington were just starting to gain a foothold in mainstream America. However, in the end, the Remington Model 51 seemed to hold the most interest for the both of them. For one, it was invented and designed by John Pedersen around 1917, an engineer who at that time was considered to be one of the



The rear of the slide is curved for smooth draws. Note the two-dot rear sight.



The slide is rounded for deep concealment.



The 3.4-inch barrel sports grooves for easier disassembly—not suppressor use.



Note the checkered frontstrap and ambidextrous mag release.

“greatest living designers” in the world of firearms. Another reason was that the gun was designed over the course of many years (something not afforded today) to wring out the best approach for this type of weapon. For example, Pedersen spent lots of time just designing the grip frame by using models with different hand sizes in order to design a gun that would feel good to a wide variety of people right down to its pointability. Finally, his knowledge of guns led him to devise a method of operation within the breech-locking system that was considered “very clever and ingenious” for that period. In the end, with availability in both the .32 ACP and .380 ACP, according to Bill West in his book *Remington Arms & History*, the gun sold upwards of 69,000 units in both cartridges.

Modern Design

Right out of the box, the R51 is a nice gun to hold. For a concealment gun, the grip is long enough for all of my fingers to lock on to the gun while allowing me to reach the magazine release with only a slight movement of my hand. By the way, one of the added-value features of the gun is that this release is ambidextrous, leaving left-handed shooters with some additional money in their pocket. Holding the gun instantly shows one of

Pedersen’s first objectives: The ability to point the gun instinctually without any thought process from the shooter. Getting into the meat of the R51 shows that the slide is machined from stainless steel with a black finish. The frame is made from a 7075 aluminum alloy with a black anodized finish that matches perfectly. The slide, like the rest of the gun, has been dehorned to the point where nothing on the gun would interfere with your ability to conceal the weapon or present it in a timely manner. On both sides of the slide there are nine serrations neatly machined in for cocking the weapon. Up front, five more (albeit somewhat smaller) serrations are slightly below the frame to grasp the weapon when you want to disassemble it. The muzzle, although looking like it would be nothing but trouble, entered my Galco Stinger belt holster with little hesitation. Remington engineers have rounded off and contoured the top of the slide, and with the aid of stylized stripes on each side have moved this pistol into the 21st century. On one side of the slide is the Remington logo, on the other is the roll-stamped R51 model number. There is a cartridge indicator drilled into the top of the slide, but nothing raises or moves to indicate the gun is loaded. You have to look down into the slide to see

SPECIFICATIONS	
REMINGTON R51	
Caliber	9mm +P
Barrel	3.4 inches
OA Length	6.6 inches
Weight	22 ounces (empty)
Grips	Checkered plastic
Sights	Adjustable three-dot
Action	Striker-fired
Finish	Matte black
Capacity	7+1
MSRP	\$420

the contrasting brass of the case against the bluing of the gun. For a defensive handgun, the sights do not have to be competition quality, just good enough to get on target quickly. To this end, the sights on the R51 are more than adequate and consist of a post front sight with a white dot that is adjustable for windage via a brass drift. This is a big improvement over the almost non-descript sights on the original gun. On the rear of the slide, a carefully molded rear sight assembly (adjustable for windage only) is actually melted into the top of this part of the gun. A deep recess combined with twin white dots offers a great sight picture. If this is not enough for you, order the other alternative: the Model R51 with a Crimson Trace option. This laser is mounted and molded to fit around the triggerguard, with the switch just above the checkered area on the frame. Since the gun has an internal hammer, there is nothing protruding out the rear of the slide to hinder concealment. As mentioned before, gripping the gun seems to come naturally for me as the grip has a 20-degree angle. Although the grip itself is narrow, the design of it allows my hand to be comfortable on the grip during extended sessions, even with a full magazine of ammunition in the gun. The back of the grip is arched, much like the feeling you get on the popular Model 1911, but it cannot be interchanged for a straight one. The way the gun is built naturally positions the shooter’s hand on the grip safety, and moving your hand ever so slightly forces the safety forward, allowing the gun to fire. As a note here, the R51 will fire without a mag inserted in the weapon. This wasn’t the case on the original. The slide stop/release is handy, and it



Thanks to its well-engineered sights, the author found the R51 to be a pleasure to aim and shoot.

“...its lower bore axis means less muzzle rise, which also has an effect on your perceived recoil of the gun while shooting.”

allows full operation with the slide back by merely moving your hand a bit to the left to engage it. The trigger is made from polymer; it has been skeletonized for appearance and broke at a rather stiff 10 pounds of pull. There was a rather long travel before the sear broke. The R51 also has a built-in drop safety that works in concert with the grip safety.

The front of the frame is machine checkered at 25 lines per inch and, when combined with a triggerguard undercut just above this panel, offers more control of the gun. The R51 comes with two magazines and a gun lock.

In operation, Remington pretty much followed the original design and intent of the gun made almost 100 years ago. With a recoil spring surrounding the stationary barrel, the design at this point closely resembles a Walther PPK. Using what John Pedersen designed as his “hesitation-locked” action, the gun uses a locking breech block within the slide to control the functioning of the gun. The way I understand it, when the gun is in battery, the breech block sits forward of a locking shoulder in the frame. Firing the gun moves the bolt and slide together in a rearward motion much like your typical blowback system. Upon contacting the locking abutment, the breech block stops, locking up the breech while the slide continues to move rearward.

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REMINGTON R51



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PERFORMANCE

REMINGTON R51 9mm

LOAD	VELOCITY	ACCURACY
Barnes 115 TAC-XPD +P	1,056	3.25
Remington 115 UMC	1,084	2.25
Winchester 115 Silvertip HP	1,097	2.50

BULLET WEIGHT MEASURED IN GRAINS, VELOCITY IN FPS BY CHRONOGRAPH AND ACCURACY IN INCHES FOR BEST FIVE-SHOT GROUPS AT 7 YARDS.

At this point, chamber pressure drops, the breech is locked and the cartridge starts to move to the point of extraction. Leaving the muzzle, the bullet exits the gun, pressure drops, the rearward motion of the slide lifts the breech block from its rigid position and the cycle continues to eject the cartridge. Because of this system, the R51 is rated for +P 9mm ammunition, with the .40 S&W planned in the future.

Range Time

At the range, I was anxious to try the gun since all of the Remington literature spells out that its lower bore axis means less muzzle rise, which also has an effect on your perceived recoil of the gun while shooting. Please keep in mind that the only safety you have when the gun is cocked is the interface between the grip safety and you. When the grip safety is not engaged, the gun is safe.

At 7 yards from a rest, groups to me were right in the ballpark, enough to deter even the hardest invader of my domicile. While the Remington brand ammunition produced the best average groups, who's counting in a close encounter!

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Comp-Tac Single Mag Pouch

The Comp-Tac Single Magazine Pouch offers one-of-a-kind access to spare magazines. Made of Kydex, this magazine pouch holds a spare magazine securely but still offers an extremely smooth draw. With a retention adjustment screw, users can set the magazine pouch to hold tighter or looser depending on their desire. The magazine pouch is also reversible, allowing a magazine to be carried bullets forward or rearward. The PLM Attachment makes the Single Magazine Pouch easy to use and more versatile. With the push of a button, the pouch can be added to belts or bags. (comp-tac.com; 866-441-9157)



CrossBreed G42/G43

The Streamlight TLR-6 is the first subcompact pistol light with both an LED illuminator and a red aiming laser to be designed for the Glock 42 and Glock 43 pistols, and CrossBreed has responded with upgrades to some its existing concealed-carry holster lines to accommodate its unique dimensions. Hand-molded specifically to match the contours of a G42 or G43 outfitted with the TLR-6, the modified CrossBreed designs include the SuperTuck, the QuickClip, the SnapSlide, the SuperSlide, the Ohai, the Bedside Backup, the Belly Band, the Purse Defender, the Pac Mat and the RAM Mount products. (crossbreedholsters.com; 888-732-5011)



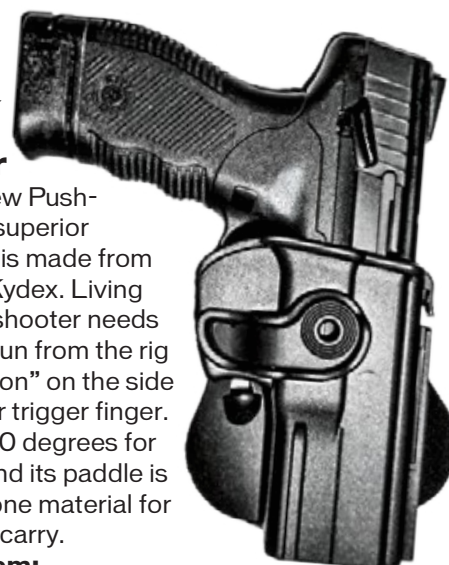
FAB Defense Scorpis Holsters

The new Scorpis line of holsters offers 36 different models and sub-models from which to choose for everyday carry. The line includes exclusive left-handed models along with a unique tension and sturdy fiberglass-reinforced polymer construction. They are meant for the everyday shooter, and the "R" model in particular has a dual-retention mechanism that allows for a relatively quick and natural draw. The line also includes models with double mag pouches with manually adjustable retention levels, allowing the user to set the tension of the pouch according to his or her own personal preferences. (fab-defense.com)



Q-Series Stealth G42/G43

Q-Series has updated its concealed-carry line of Stealth holsters with a versatile design built to handle both the .380 ACP Glock 42 and 9mm Glock 43 designs. The company's Stealth holsters feature injection-molded construction and are rugged enough to handle the abuses of everyday carry. These tuckable rigs are also ambidextrous for left- or right-handed shooters, easily concealable and can be worn with or without a belt. Q-Series also offers the Stealth Standard, which fits all Gen3 and Gen4 Glock models chambered in 9mm and above. (qseriesllc.com)

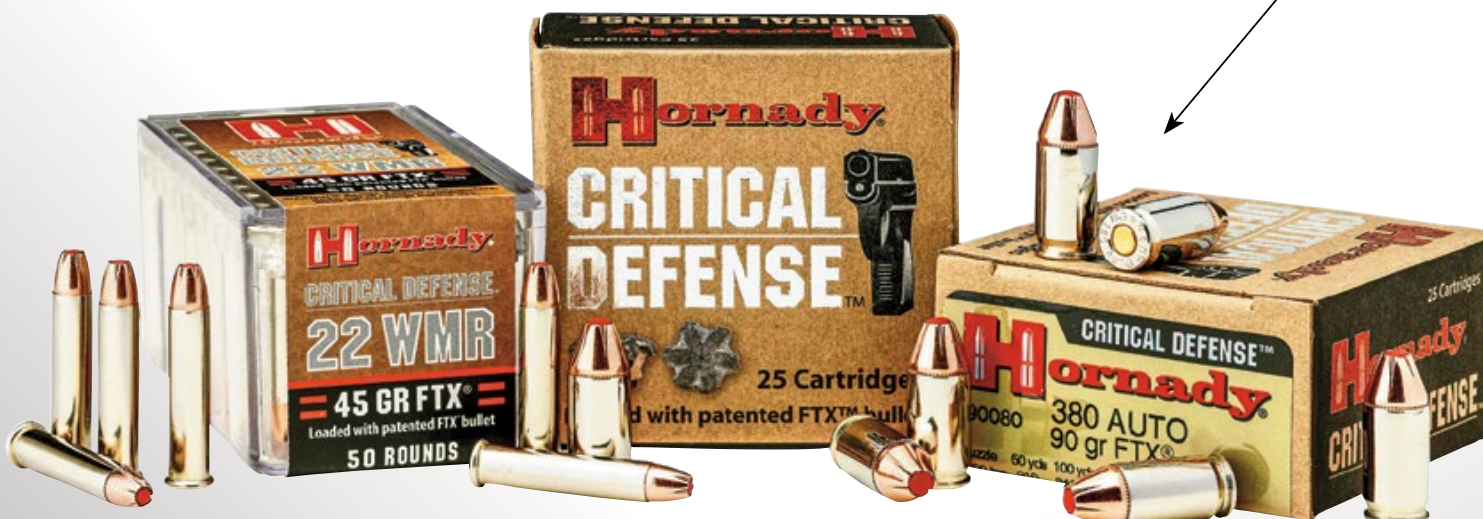


Tagua Push-Button Holster

Tagua Gunleather's new Push-Button Holster offers superior weapon retention and is made from durable, high-quality Kydex. Living up to its name, all the shooter needs to do to release their gun from the rig is to push a large "button" on the side of the holster with their trigger finger. The holster rotates 360 degrees for versatile positioning and its paddle is made from a soft silicone material for comfortable everyday carry. (taguagunleather.com; 866-638-2482)

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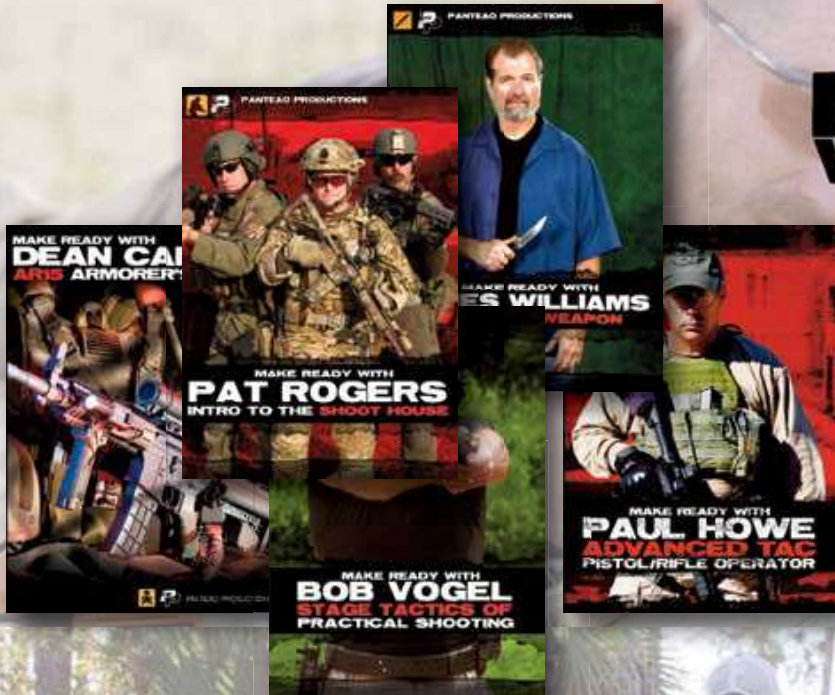
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AMERICAN TACTICAL FX45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.18", 4.25", 4.75", 5"
Weight: 38.4-49.6 ounces
Grips: Mahogany
Sights: Fixed; fixed front, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Matte black, blued or stainless
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$499-899



BERETTA NANO

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3"
Weight: 19.8 ounces
Grips: Technopolymer
Sights: Three-dot, low-profile, dovetailed
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Matte black, pink, OD green
Capacity: 6/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$450-650



AMERICAN TACTICAL FX-45 HYBRID

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.24", 4.25", 5"
Weight: 24-32 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



BERETTA PICO

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.7"
Weight: 11.5 ounces
Grips: Technopolymer
Sights: Three-dot, low-profile, dovetailed
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Black nitride, Inox
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$399



AUTO-ORDNANCE 1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39 ounces
Grips: Polymer, wood
Sights: Blade front, drift-adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black oxide
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$637-662



BERETTA Px4 STORM

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 3.2", 4", 4.6"
Weight: 26.1-28.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three-dot
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black, dark earth
Capacity: 9/10/12/13/14/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$550-1,035



BERETTA M9/M9A1/92FS/96A1

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4.9"
Weight: 32.5-34.4 ounces
Grips: Polymer, Technopolymer
Sights: Three-dot
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Bruniton
Capacity: 10/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$650-795



BERSA BPCC CONCEALED CARRY

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.3"
Weight: 21.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action-only with short reset
Finish: Matte black, olive drab or duotone
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$430-440



BERSA THUNDER SERIES

Caliber: .22 LR, .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.2"-3.5"
Weight: 18.4-20.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer, rubber wraparound
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte, satin nickel or duo-tone
Capacity: 7/8/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$320-412



COLT GOLD CUP

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 37 ounces
Grips: Rubber wraparound, walnut w/ gold medallions
Sights: BoMar-style, adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless or blued
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,249-1,299



BERSA THUNDER PRO SERIES

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP (UC)
Barrel: 3.25", 3.6", 4.25"
Weight: 23-30.7 ounces
Grips: Checkered black polymer
Sights: Interchangeable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Duotone or matte black
Capacity: 7/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$492-511



COLT MUSTANG

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.75"
Weight: 11.5-12.5 ounces
Grips: Composite
Sights: High-profile, dovetailed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Brushed stainless, stainless/matte black
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$499-\$599



CIMARRON M1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 40 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized, blued, nickel
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$540-633



CZ 1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38.7 ounces
Grips: Walnut
Sights: Post and notch, dovetailed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black oxide
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$849



COLT DEFENDER

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3"
Weight: 24-25 ounces
Grips: Hogue wraparound
Sights: Novak Low-Mount Carry with dots
Features: Single-action
Finish: Cerakote, stainless
Capacity: 7(.45)/8(9mm)-shot mag
MSRP: \$899



CZ 75/85/97

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.7"-4.6"
Weight: 27.4-40.6 ounces
Grips: Plastic, rubber, aluminum
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black polycoat, matte stainless, polished stainless, glossy blue
Capacity: 10(.40/.45)/16(9mm)-shot mag
MSRP: \$544-816



CZ P-01/ P-06/
P-07/P-09

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.8"-4.53"
Weight: 27.2-29.1 ounces
Grips: Rubber (P-01, P-06), polymer stippling, interchangeable backstraps (P-07, P-09)
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black polycoat, black (P-07), FDE (P-09)
Capacity: 10(.40)/14(9mm)-shot mag, 12/15-shot mag (P-07), 15/19-shot mag (P-09)
MSRP: \$510-680



FN FIVE-SEVEN

Caliber: 5.7x28mm
Barrel: 4.8"
Weight: 21 ounces
Grips: Textured polymer
Sights: Adjustable three-dot
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10/20-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,349



DAN WESSON 1911

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3.5", 4.25", 5"
Weight: 25.9-38.7 ounces
Grips: Stipple shadow, cocobolo, G10
Sights: Snag-free night sight, tactical ledge sight, adjustable, fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black Duty, black anodized, stainless steel
Capacity: 7/8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,298-2,077



FNS

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4", 5"
Weight: 25.2-29.7 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three-dot or three-dot night
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 10/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-649



DIAMONDBACK
DB FS NINE

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 4.75"
Weight: 21.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Ameriglo 3-dot fixed
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Black Melonite
Capacity: 15-shot mag
MSRP: \$483



FNS COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 23.4-25.8 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three-dot or three-dot night
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 10/12/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-649



DIAMONDBACK
DB380/DB9

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm
Barrel: 2.8", 3"
Weight: 8.8-11 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: 3-dot fixed
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black or silver
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: 328-499



FNX

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4", 4.5", 5.3"
Weight: 21.9-33.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed three-dot combat with deep-V rear notch, high-profile night sights w/ optional electronic red-dots
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black, stainless steel, Flat Dark Earth
Capacity: 10/14/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$699-1,399



GLOCK 17/22

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4.48"
Weight: 25.06-25.59 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action, Gen4 option available, threaded barrel available on G17 Gen3
Finish: Black
Capacity: 15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-696



GLOCK 41 GEN4

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5.31"
Weight: 27 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 13-shot mag
MSRP: \$640



GLOCK 19/23

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4.01"
Weight: 23.65 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action, Gen4 and threaded barrel options available
Finish: Black
Capacity: 13/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-696



GLOCK 42

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.25"
Weight: 13.76 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$480



GLOCK 26/27

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.42"
Weight: 21.71-21.89 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action, Gen4 option available
Finish: Black
Capacity: 9/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-696



GLOCK 43

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.39"
Weight: 16.19 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$580



GLOCK 29 SF/30S/30 SF/36

Caliber: .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3.77"
Weight: 22.42-26.30 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Safe Action, Gen4 option available only on G29 SF and G30 SF
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$637-734



GRAND POWER K100

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 4.3"
Weight: 26.1 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Plastic front, drift-adjustable steel rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 15-shot mag
MSRP: \$629 (from Eagle Imports)



▶ **GRAND POWER
P45/P40**

Caliber: .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25"
Weight: 26.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Dovetail steel front, drift-adjustable steel rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$819
(from Eagle Imports)



▶ **HECKLER & KOCH P30**

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.86", 4.44"
Weight: 22.88-24.32 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10/13/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,099-1,249



▶ **GRAND POWER
X CALIBUR**

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 28.1 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, Micrometer adjustable steel rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 15-shot mag
MSRP: \$999
(from Eagle Imports)



▶ **HECKLER & KOCH P30SK**

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.27"
Weight: 23.99 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$719



▶ **GUNCRAFTER
INDUSTRIES
MODEL 3**

Caliber: .50 GI
Barrel: 4.25"
Weight: 35 ounces
Grips: Shredders, Alumagrips
Sights: Tritium, various options available
Features: Single-action
Finish: Melonite, stainless steel
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: Starts at \$3,185



▶ **HECKLER & KOCH
P2000/P2000SK**

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.26", 3.66"
Weight: 24 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three-dot (optional tritium)
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Black
Capacity: 9/10/12/13-shot mag
MSRP: \$799-899



▶ **HECKLER & KOCH HK45**

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.94", 4.53"
Weight: 24.48-25.28 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Black
Capacity: 8/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,199-1,299



▶ **HECKLER & KOCH USP/
USP COMPACT**

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.58" to 5.09"
Weight: 23.52-33.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Black
Capacity: 8/10/12/13/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$999-1,249



HECKLER & KOCH VP9/VP40

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4.09"
Weight: 26.56-28.93 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10/13/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$719



KAHR P/PM SERIES

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 2.53", 3.1", 3.24", 3.54", 3.56", 3.6", 3.64"
Weight: 9.97-16.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Drift-adjustable, white-bar-dot combat rear (optional tritium or CT laser)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black, two-tone
Capacity: 5/6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$649-1,049



IWI JERICO 941

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.8", 4.4"
Weight: 25.6-36.8 ounces
Grips: Polymer or steel frame (.45 in steel only)
Sights: Adjustable
Features: Short-recoil
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10/12/16-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-655



KAHR T/TP SERIES

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.96", 4", 4.04"
Weight: 16.4-24.9 ounces
Grips: Hogue Pau Ferro wood, polymer
Sights: Drift-adjustable, white-bar-dot combat rear (optional night sights)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte stainless
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$697-968



KAHR CM/CW SERIES

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 3.1", 3.5", 3.6"
Weight: 14-19.7 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Drift-adjustable, white-bar-dot combat rear
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Black frame, matte stainless slide
Capacity: 6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$419-517



KIMBER AEGIS II

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-31 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Fixed Tactical Wedge tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,331



KAHR K/MK SERIES

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3", 3.1", 3.46", 3.5"
Weight: 20.2-22.2 ounces
Grips: Hard nylon, polymer
Sights: Drift-adjustable, white-bar-dot combat rear (optional tritium)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black or stainless
Capacity: 5/6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$855-1,054



KIMBER CDP II

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-31 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, rosewood Lasergrip
Sights: Fixed three-dot tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,331-1,657



KIMBER
PRO CARRY II

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 27-35 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Fixed low-profile
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin silver, matte black
Capacity: 7/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$919-1,128



KIMBER
ECLIPSE II

Caliber: .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 31-38 ounces
Grips: Laminated, Crimson Trace Lasergrip
Sights: Fixed three-dot tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: Brushed stainless
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,289-1,589



KIMBER
CRIMSON CARRY II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-31 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, Crimson Trace Lasergrips (red or green laser)
Sights: Fixed low-profile
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin silver frame, matte black slide
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,206-1,293



KIMBER
GOLD MATCH II

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, laminated
Sights: Kimber adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued, stainless, satin silver
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,393-1,882



KIMBER
CUSTOM II

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, bone, walnut
Sights: Fixed low-profile, Kimber adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Matte black, charcoal blue, satin silver
Capacity: 7/8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$871-2,020



KIMBER
MICRO

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.7"
Weight: 13 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, Rosewood, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Fixed low-profile, 3-dot Tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: Various
Capacity: 6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$651-1,210



KIMBER
CUSTOM SHOP

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-39 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, Micarta, bone, G10 Tactical
Sights: Sighting trough, tritium, Kimber adjustable, fixed Tactical Wedge tritium, fixed low-profile three-dot night sights
Features: Single-action
Finish: KimPro II, charcoal blue
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,351-2,405



KIMBER
RAPTOR II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-38 ounces
Grips: Zebra wood, rosewood
Sights: Fixed Tactical Wedge tritium, adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Various
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,295-1,657



KIMBER RIMFIRE

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 23 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, rosewood
Sights: Adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$871-1,220



MAGNUM RESEARCH BABY DESERT EAGLE III

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.64", 3.93", 4.52"
Weight: 33.9-38.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed white three-dot combat
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 10/12/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$616-630



KIMBER SOLO

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 2.7"
Weight: 17 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, micarta, rosewood, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Fixed low-profile, three-dot tritium
Features: Double-action striker-fired
Finish: Various
Capacity: 6/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$815-1,291



MAGNUM RESEARCH DESERT EAGLE 1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.33", 5.05"
Weight: 33.9-36.2 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: High-profile sculptured rear, pinned-in blade front
Features: Single-action
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$874



KIMBER SUPER CARRY

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-38 ounces
Grips: Micarta/laminated wood, G10
Sights: Tritium
Features: Single-action, round heel frame
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,596-1,699



METRO ARMS AMERICAN CLASSIC II

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 36.96 ounces
Grips: Custom hardwood
Sights: Front dovetail, novak-style rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Deep blue, duotone, hard chrome
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$609-699



KIMBER TACTICAL II

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 25-40 ounces
Grips: Laminated
Sights: Fixed three-dot tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 7/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,317-1,490



METRO ARMS MAC 1911 BOBCUT

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25"
Weight: 34.58 ounces
Grips: Custom hardwood
Sights: Front dovetail, fully adjustable Novak-style rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Deep blue, hard chrome, black chrome
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$902-1,045



NAA GUARDIAN

Caliber: .25 NAA, .32 ACP, .32 NAA, .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.18", 2.49"
Weight: 13.5-18.7 ounces
Grips: Hogue Pebble finish
Sights: Fixed low-profile
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Stainless
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$409-486



PARA USA BLACK OPS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25", 5", 5.5"
Weight: 39-40 ounces
Grips: VZ G10
Sights: Trijicon 3-dot night, high-profile on threaded barrel model
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black Ionbond
Capacity: 8/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,257-1,325



NIGHTHAWK LADY HAWK

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25"
Weight: 34.9 ounces
Grips: Thin Nighthawk Custom Aluminum, Ambi-cut w/logo
Sights: Heinie Slant Pro Straight Eight Tritium Night Sights
Features: Single-action
Finish: Cerakote Titanium Blue/Sniper Gray with Stainless Controls
Capacity: 9-shot mag
MSRP: Starting at \$3,495



PARA USA ELITE/EXPERT

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 3.5", 4.25", 5", 6"
Weight: 32-42 ounces
Grips: VZ Operator II, VZ Para G10, cocobolo, polymer
Sights: Fiber optic front, adjustable target or fixed rear, Trijicon night
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless, two-tone, black Ionbond
Capacity: 7/8/9/10/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$663-1,299



NIGHTHAWK T4

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.8"
Weight: 34.3 ounces
Grips: Nighthawk Custom Alien Grips, Thin, Black, No NH Logo
Sights: Heinie Slant Pro Straight Eight Tritium Night Sights
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black nitride
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: Starting at \$3,395



REMINGTON 1911 R1

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38.5-42 ounces
Grips: Walnut, wood laminate
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin black oxide, stainless
Capacity: 7/8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$729-1,299



PARA USA BLACK OPS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25", 5", 5.5"
Weight: 39-40 ounces
Grips: VZ G10
Sights: Trijicon 3-dot night, high-profile on threaded barrel model
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black Ionbond
Capacity: 8/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,257-1,325



REMINGTON R51

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3"
Weight: 20 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin black oxide
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$420



REMINGTON RM380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.9"
Weight: 12.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Satin black oxide
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY ROCK SERIES

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3.5", 5"
Weight: 34.6-41 ounces
Grips: G10 Operator II, black rubber, polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, adjustable rear, low profile
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized, nickel, two-tone
Capacity: 7/8/9/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$611-903



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY 22 TCM

Caliber: .22 TCM
Barrel: 4.25", 5"
Weight: 40-48 ounces
Grips: G10 Operator II, polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, snag-free front, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$840-990



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY TAC ULTRA

Caliber: .9mm, .45 ACP, .40 S&W, 10mm
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39.8-48 ounces
Grips: G10 Operator II, polymer
Sights: Fiber optic front, adjustable rear, low profile, Meprolight
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 7/8/9/14/16/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$706-951



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY GI/MATCH

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.5", 4.25", 5"
Weight: 34.6-41 ounces
Grips: Wood, polymer
Sights: Fixed, fiber optic front, adjustable LPA rear (Match)
Features: Single-action
Finish: Nickel, Parkerized, two-tone
Capacity: 7/8/9/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$538-833



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY XT 22

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag/.45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 35.2-35.5 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Low profile snag free
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 8/10/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$611-913



ROCK ISLAND ARMORY MAP/MAPP

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 4.25", 5"
Weight: 29.3-40.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, snag-free rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$508



ROCK RIVER ARMS 1911 POLY

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 32 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Dovetailed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black Parkerized steel, polymer in black, tan, OD green
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$925



ROCK RIVER ARMS
BASIC LIMITED

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 37 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Front blade, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,950



ROCK RIVER ARMS
NM HARDBALL

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 35 ounces
Grips: Walnut
Sights: Front blade, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$2,550



ROCK RIVER ARMS
BULLSEYE
WADCUTTER

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 42 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: None
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$2,500



ROCK RIVER ARMS
TACTICAL PISTOL

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 37 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Tritium front, Heinie or Novak rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$2,200



ROCK RIVER ARMS
CARRY PISTOL

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Heinie
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,650



RUGER 22/45

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 4", 4.4", 4.5", 5.5"
Weight: 22.8-33 ounces
Grips: Polymer, laminate
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable or fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black anodize, black oxide, cobalt anodized
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$369-515



ROCK RIVER ARMS
LIMITED MATCH

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 36 ounces
Grips: G10
Sights: Front blade, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Hard chrome
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$3,600



RUGER LC380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.12"
Weight: 17.2-17.8 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Adjustable three-dot (optional Crimson Trace Laserguard)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$449-629



RUGER LC9s

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.12"
Weight: 17.2 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Adjustable three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$449



RUGER SR22

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 3.5" (optional threaded barrel)
Weight: 17.5 ounces
Grips: Adjustable rubberized replaceable
Sights: Fully adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Anodized aluminum
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$415-449



RUGER LCP

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.75"
Weight: 9.4-10 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Fixed, adjustable
Photoluminescent (Crimson
Trace Laserguard)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Blued, brushed stainless
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$389-575



RUGER SR9/SR9c/9E

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.4", 4.1"
Weight: 23.4-27.2 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black nitride,
stainless, black oxide
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$429-529



RUGER MARK III

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 4.75",
5.5", 6", 6.88"
Weight: 35-45
ounces
Grips: Polymer,
laminate
Sights: Fixed
or adjustable
Features: Single-
action
Finish: Blued,
satin stainless
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$399-749



RUGER SR40/SR40c

Caliber: .40
Barrel: 3.5", 4.1"
Weight: 23.4-27.3 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Adjustable three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black nitride, stainless
Capacity: 9/10/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$529



RUGER SR1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25", 5"
Weight: 29.3-39 ounces
Grips: Hardwood
Sights: Fixed Novak
three-dot
Features: Single-action
Finish: Low-glare
stainless, black anodized
aluminum
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$859-899



RUGER SR45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.5"
Weight: 30.2 ounces
Grips: Glass-filled nylon
Sights: Adjustable three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black nitride, stainless
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$529



SCCY CPX

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.1"
Weight: 15 ounces
Grips: Textured polymer
Sights: Adjustable rear
Features: Double-action-only, with or without external safety
Finish: Stainless steel (Black nitride finish or natural two-tone)
Capacity: 9-shot mag
MSRP: \$314-334



SIG SAUER P224

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 3.5"
Weight: 25.4 ounces
Grips: Polymer, Hogue G10
Sights: SIGLITE night
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-Kellerman
Finish: Nitron
Capacity: 10/12-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,006-1,120



SIG SAUER 1911

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .357 Sig, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.3", 4.2", 5"
Weight: 28-41.6 ounces
Grips: Wood, Ergo XT, Hogue, G10
Sights: Low-profile, night, adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Nitron, stainless or two-tone, FDE, Orb
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,062-1,748



SIG SAUER P226

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 4.4"
Weight: 23.7-47.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer, wood, Ergo, aluminum, Hogue, G10
Sights: SIGLITE, TruGlo, contrast
Features: Single-action, double-action/single-action
Finish: Nitron, FDE, stainless steel
Capacity: 10/12/14/15/17/19/20-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,028-1,713



SIG SAUER M11-A1

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.9"
Weight: 32 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: SIGLITE
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black Nitron, Flat Dark Earth Coating
Capacity: 10/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,176-1,233



SIG SAUER P227

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.9", 4.4"
Weight: 30-32.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer, G10
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Nitron, FDE, stainless
Capacity: 10/14-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,028-1,428



SIG SAUER P220

Caliber: .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3.9", 4.4", 5"
Weight: 29.6-39.1 ounces
Grips: Polymer, wood, aluminum, Hogue, G10
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE, TruGlo, adjustable
Features: Single-action, double-action/single-action or double-action-Kellerman
Finish: Nitron, FDE, Kryptic
Capacity: 6/8/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,028-1,827



SIG SAUER P229

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 3.9", 4.4"
Weight: 32-40.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer, wood, Ergo, aluminum, Hogue, G10
Sights: SIGLITE, TruGlo, contrast
Features: Single-action, double-action/single-action, double-action-Kellerman
Finish: Nitron
Capacity: 10/12/13/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,028-1,428



SIG SAUER P238

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.7"
Weight: 15.2-20.1 ounces
Grips: Hogue rubber, polymer, wood, aluminum, G10
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE night, TruGlo
Features: Single-action
Finish: Nitron, rainbow, FDE, nickel
Capacity: 6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$742-833



SIG SAUER P320

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .357 SIG, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.6", 3.9", 4.7"
Weight: 26.5-29.4 ounces
Grips: Interchangeable polymer grip module
Sights: SIGLITE night sights, contrast
Features: Double-action striker-fired operating system
Finish: Nitron, FDE, OD green
Capacity: 9mm: 10/12/15/17-shot mag; .40: 10/13/14-shot mag; .45 ACP 6/9/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$628-713



SIG SAUER P239

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 29.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer, rubber
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE
Features: Double-action/single-action or double-action-Kellerman
Finish: Nitron
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$892-1,120



SIG SAUER P938

Caliber: .22 LR, 9mm
Barrel: 3", 3.3", 4.1"
Weight: 16 ounces
Grips: Wood, Hogue G10, Rosewood
Sights: SIGLITE, TruGlo adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Nitron, FDE, nickel
Capacity: 6/7/10-shot mag
MSRP: \$628-1,028



SIG SAUER P250

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .357 SIG, .40, .45 ACP, .22 LR
Barrel: 3.6", 3.9", 4.7"
Weight: 19.4-29.4 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE night
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Nitron
Capacity: 6/9/10/12/13/14/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$456-662



SIG SAUER SP2022

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 3.9"
Weight: 29 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Contrast, SIGLITE night
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black Nitron, two-tone, FDE
Capacity: 10/12/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$519-719



SIG SAUER P290/P290RS

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm
Barrel: 2.9"
Weight: 16.5-20.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer, G10
Sights: SIGLITE night, contrast
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Nitron, two-tone, Rainbow, Orb
Capacity: 6/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$456-570



SMITH & WESSON BODYGUARD 380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.75"
Weight: 11.85 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable rear, internal Crimson Trace laser (optional)
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$379-419



SMITH & WESSON M&P

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.5", 4", 4.25", 4.5", 5"
Weight: 19-29.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Corrosion resistant
Capacity: 6/7/8/10/12/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$449-829



SMITH & WESSON RIMFIRE

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 3.5", 4.1", 5.5", 7"
Weight: 24-42 ounces
Grips: Polymer, Soft Touch, wood
Sights: Adjustable, Patridge front
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black, blued
Capacity: 10/12-shot mag
MSRP: \$329-1,619



SMITH & WESSON M&P SHIELD

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.1"
Weight: 19 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: White three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Black Melonite
Capacity: 6/7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$449-469



SMITH & WESSON SD VE

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 22.7 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: White three-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Two-tone
Capacity: 10/14/16-shot mag
MSRP: \$389-409



SMITH & WESSON PERFORMANCE CENTER 1911s

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4.25", 5"
Weight: 29.6-40.5 ounces
Grips: G10 custom
Sights: Post front, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,589



SPHINX SDP STANDARD

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 4.5"
Weight: 31.43 ounces
Grips: Polymer with rubberized overmold
Sights: Front and rear iron
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: PVD coating
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$995-1,295
Imported by KRISS USA



SMITH & WESSON PRO

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4.25", 5"
Weight: 24-41 ounces
Grips: Polymer, synthetic, wood
Sights: Dovetail front, adjustable rear, Novak, white three-dot, slide cut to accept red-dot optics on C.O.R.E
Features: Single-action or double-action-only
Finish: Corrosion resistant
Capacity: 7/8/10/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$769-1609



SPHINX SDP COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.75"
Weight: 28.18 ounces
Grips: Polymer with rubberized overmold
Sights: Front and rear iron
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: PVD coating
Capacity: 10/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$995-1,295
Imported by KRISS USA



SPHINX SDP SUBCOMPACT

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.1"
Weight: 25 ounces
Grips: Polymer with rubberized overmold
Sights: Front and rear iron
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: PVD coating
Capacity: 10/13-shot mag
MSRP: \$995-1,295
 Imported by KRISS USA



SPRINGFIELD PROFESSIONAL MODEL CUSTOM

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 41 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Tritium three-dot
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black T
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$2,671-2,749



SPRINGFIELD EMP

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3"
Weight: 27-33 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo, G10
Sights: Tritium three-dot
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black frame, stainless slide
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,249-1,320



SPRINGFIELD RANGE OFFICER

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 40-41 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Varies by model
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 7/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$977



SPRINGFIELD LOADED LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OPERATOR

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 31 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Fixed combat three-dot tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,050



SPRINGFIELD RANGE OFFICER CHAMPION

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 30.5-31.5 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Fiber-optic front, low-profile combat rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 7/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$899



SPRINGFIELD MIL-SPEC

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Fixed combat three-dot
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized, stainless
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$719-819



SPRINGFIELD RANGE OFFICER COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 28.5-29.5 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Fiber-optic front, low-profile combat rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 6/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$977



SPRINGFIELD TRP

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 42-45 ounces
Grips: G10
Sights: Varies by model
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black AK, stainless
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$1,646



SPRINGFIELD XD-S 3.3

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.3"
Weight: 21.5-23 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, dovetail rear
Features: Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger
Finish: Black, bi-tone
Capacity: 5/6/7/8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$595-649



SPRINGFIELD XD

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 26-33 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three-dot, dovetail (optional tritium)
Features: Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger
Finish: Black, bi-tone
Capacity: 9/10/12/13/16-shot mag
MSRP: \$493-649



SPRINGFIELD XD-S 4.0

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 23.5-25 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, dovetail rear
Features: Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger
Finish: Black, bi-tone
Capacity: 5/6/7/8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$599-649



SPRINGFIELD XD MOD.2

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 3.3"
Weight: 26-27 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fiber-optic front, low-profile combat rear
Features: Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger
Finish: Melonite
Capacity: 9/12/13/16-shot mag
MSRP: \$549-616



STEYR ARMS C-A1

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 25.6 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Triangular/trapezoid
Features: Reset Action System
Finish: MannoX
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$560



SPRINGFIELD XDM

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.8", 4.5", 5.25"
Weight: 27-32 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Varies by model
Features: Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) trigger
Finish: Black, bi-tone
Capacity: 9/11/13/16/19-shot mag
MSRP: \$681-896



STEYR ARMS L-A1

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 4.5"
Weight: 28.8 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Triangular/trapezoid
Features: Reset Action System
Finish: MannoX
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$560



STEYR ARMS M-A1

Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 27.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Triangular/trapezoid
Features: Reset Action System
Finish: MannoX
Capacity: 10/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$560



STOEGER COUGAR

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 32-32.6 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: White three-dot
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Black nitride; black nitride slide/silver frame; silver nitride/silver frame
Capacity: 8/11/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$469-509



STEYR ARMS S-A1

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 24.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Triangular/trapezoid
Features: Reset Action System
Finish: MannoX
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$560



TAURUS 24/7 G2

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.5", 4.2"
Weight: 27-28 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Adjustable rear, fixed front
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued or matte stainless
Capacity: 12/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$498-539



STI TACTICAL DS

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4", 5"
Weight: 38-42 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Cerakote
Capacity: Depends upon caliber
MSRP: \$2,099-2,199



TAURUS 700

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.2"
Weight: 10.2-30.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Adjustable rear, fixed front, Novak fixed 3-dot
Features: Striker-fired
Finish: Blued, matte stainless, black Tenifer
Capacity: 6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$250-316



STI TACTICAL SS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 37-44 ounces
Grips: G10
Sights: Fixed
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black Cerakote
Capacity: Depends upon caliber
MSRP: \$1,899-1,999



TAURUS 800

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.63"
Weight: 30.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 12/15/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$346



TAURUS 1911

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38-39.4 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Novak
Features: Single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless or two-tone
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$712-947



TAURUS MILLENNIUM PRO

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.25"
Weight: 18.7-22.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Heinie Straight Eight
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 6/10/12-shot mag
MSRP: \$467-498



TAURUS CURVE

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.5"
Weight: 10.2 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Laser/light, bore axis sight
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte blued
Capacity: 6-shot mag
MSRP: \$392



TAURUS SMALL FRAME

Caliber: .22 LR, .25 ACP
Barrel: 2.75"
Weight: 12.3 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, rosewood, wood
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Blued, matte stainless, nickel or two-tone
Capacity: 8/9-shot mag
MSRP: \$256-286



TAURUS LARGE FRAME

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 34 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued or matte stainless
Capacity: 10/11/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$483-938



TAYLOR'S TACTICAL 1911-A1

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39.5 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Fixed front, dovetailed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$519



TAURUS MILLENNIUM G2

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.25"
Weight: 22 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Adjustable rear, fixed front
Features: Picatinny rail
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 10/12-shot mag
MSRP: \$301-316



TAYLOR'S TACTICAL 1911-FS GUN METAL GREY

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39.8 ounces
Grips: VZ G10
Sights: Green fiber-optic front, snag-free tactical rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Gun Metal Grey Cerakote
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$799



TAYLOR'S TACTICAL 1911 COMPACT CARRY

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.62"
Weight: 34.6 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Dovetailed front, snag-free tactical rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Parkerized
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$585



WALTHER P99 COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.5", 4", 4.1"
Weight: 21.5-26 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Low-profile three-dot combat
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Tenifer
Capacity: 8/10/12/15-shot mag
MSRP: \$599



TAYLOR'S TACTICAL BLACK ROCK 1911-FS

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 39.8 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Green fiber-optic front, snag-free tactical rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Nitride hardened
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$699



WALTHER PPK

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.3"
Weight: 21.1 ounces
Grips: Checkered panels
Sights: Fixed steel
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, stainless
Capacity: 6/7-shot mag
MSRP: \$699



THOMPSON CUSTOM 1911

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 31.5-39 ounces
Grips: Laminate with medallion
Sights: Low-profile iron
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: \$813



WALTHER PPK/S

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 3.3"
Weight: 20 ounces
Grips: Checkered panels
Sights: Fixed steel
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, nickel
Capacity: 10-shot mag
MSRP: \$399



WALTHER CCP

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.5"
Weight: 22.3 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Interchangeable front with white dot, adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless, stainless/Cerakote
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: \$469-489



WALTHER PPS

Caliber: 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.2"
Weight: 21.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Low profile 3-dot combat
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Tenifer
Capacity: 5/6/7/8-shot mag
MSRP: \$629



WALTHER
PPQ M2

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .22 LR
Barrel: 4"-5"
Weight: 20.8-26.5 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Low profile 3-dot combat
Features: Quick Defense
Trigger (9mm and .40),
Accessory rail, Picatinny rail
(MIL-STD-1913)
Finish: Tenifer (9mm and .40),
Black (.22 L.R.)
Capacity: 11/15/17-shot mag (9mm,
.40), 12 rounds (.22 LR)
MSRP: \$429-749



WILSON COMBAT
HACKATHORN
SPECIAL

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm
.45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 35.6 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic front,
Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT
BILL WILSON CARRY

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 35 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic front,
Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 7-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT
PROFESSIONAL

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 36.4-44.8 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic or
tritium front, Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT
CLASSIC

Caliber: .38 Super,
9mm, .40,
.45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 38-46.6 ounces
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Ramp front,
Lo-Mount adjustable rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT
PROTECTOR

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 40.4 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic front,
Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8/10-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT CQB

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm,
.40, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 4", 5"
Weight: 27.3-
40.4 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
or diagonal
Sights: Fiber-optic front,
Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT
SENTINEL/SUPER
SENTINEL

Caliber: 9mm/.38 Super
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 25.2-31.7 ounces
Grips: G10 slimline, cocobolo
Starburst (Sentinel)
Sights: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action,
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT TACTICAL CARRY

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 37.8 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WITNESS ELITE/HUNTER STOCK III

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .40, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 4.5", 4.75", 5.25", 6"
Weight: 33.6-44 ounces
Grips: Aluminum, synthetic, wood
Sights: Interchangeable front dovetail, fully adjustable, fully adjustable supersight
Features: Single-action or double-action/single-action
Finish: Chrome, blued (Hunter & Stock III)
Capacity: 10/13/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$976-\$2,336
(from European American Armory Corp)



WILSON COMBAT TACTICAL SUPERGRADE

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .40, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 5"
Weight: 36.6-45 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic or tritium front, Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WITNESS PAVONA COMPACT POLYMER

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40
Barrel: 3.6"
Weight: 30 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Windage adjustable
Features: SA/DA, Sparkle Frame, Reduced Recoil System
Finish: Black, Imperial, Sapphire, Charcoal, Fandango
Capacity: 13+1, 9+1
MSRP: \$403-434
(from European American Armory Corp)



WILSON COMBAT ULTRALIGHT CARRY

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.6", 4"
Weight: 25.2-26.5 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WITNESS POLYMER

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 ACP, 10mm
Barrel: 3.6", 4.5"
Weight: 26-33 ounces
Grips: Integral polymer
Sights: Low-profile, adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blue, wonder
Capacity: 8/10/12/13/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$571-891
(from European American Armory Corp)



WILSON COMBAT X-TAC/X-TAC COMPACT

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 4"-5"
Weight: 33.8-46.2 ounces
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Fiber-optic front, Battlesight rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 7/8-shot mag
MSRP: N/A



WITNESS STEEL FULL SIZE

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .40, .45 ACP, 10mm, .45/.22 LR
Barrel: 4.5"
Weight: 33 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Fixed blade front, windage-adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued steel, wonder finish
Capacity: 10/14/17-shot mag
MSRP: \$646
(from European American Armory Corp)



CHARTER ARMS
PITBULL/BULLDOG/
MAG PUG

Caliber: 9mm, .40,
.357 Mag, .44 Special
Barrel: 2.2", 2.3", 2.5", 4.2"
Weight: 19.5-25 ounces
Grips: Neoprene, Crimson Trace
Sights: Blade front, notch rear
or adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-
action or double-action-only
Finish: Various
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$396-696



ROCK ISLAND
ARMORY M200/M206

Caliber: .38 Special
Barrel: 2", 4"
Weight: 25.4-28.2 ounces
Grips: Wood, polymer
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte nickel
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$284-379



CHARTER ARMS
UNDERCOVER/UNDERCOVER LITE/
UNDERCOVERETTE

Caliber: .32 H&R, .38 Special
Barrel: 2", 4.2"
Weight: 12-26 ounces
Grips: Neoprene, Crimson Trace
Sights: Blade front, notch rear
Features: Double-action/single-
action or double-action-only
Finish: Various
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$319-\$669



ROSSI R351/R352

Caliber: .38 Special, 357 Mag
Barrel: 2"
Weight: 24-26 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Stainless
Capacity: 5/6-shot
MSRP: \$333-348



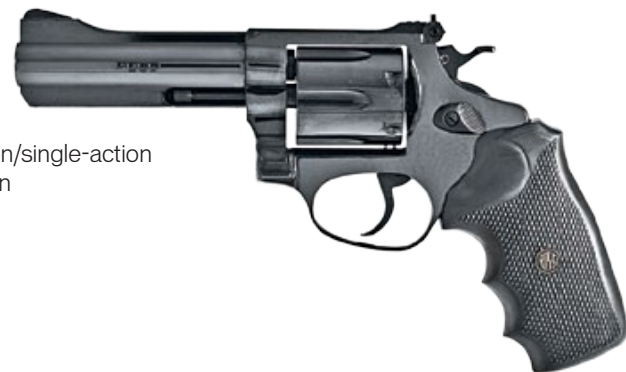
CHIAPPA RHINO

Caliber: .38 Special, .357 Mag, .40
Barrel: 2", 4", 5", 6"
Weight: 18-32 ounces
Grips: Wood, rubber
Sights: Fixed front,
adjustable rear
Features: Single-action,
double-action/single-action
Finish: Black,
electroless nickel
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$899-1,250



ROSSI R851

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 32 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Ramp front,
adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Dark blue carbon
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$333



EAA
WINDICATOR

Caliber: .38 Special,
.357 Mag
Barrel: 2", 4"
Weight: 24-32 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed low profile
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, nickel
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$343-422



RUGER GP100

Caliber: .357 Mag
Barrel: 3", 4.2", 6"
Weight: 36-45 ounces
Grips: Hogue Monogrip,
Hogue hardwood
Sights: Fixed, adjustable,
Fiber optic
Features: Double-action/
single-action
Finish: Blued,
satin stainless
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$725-929



RUGER LCR/LCRx

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag, 9mm, .38 Special +P, .357 Mag
Barrel: 1.88", 3"
Weight: 13.5-17.2 ounces
Grips: Hogue, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Pinned white ramp, U-notch rear, adjustable rear
Features: Double-action-only, double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte black, Ionbond Diamond black cylinder
Capacity: 5/6/8-shot
MSRP: \$545-899



SMITH & WESSON BODYGUARD 38

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Barrel: 1.9"
Weight: 14.3 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Black ramp front, integral rear, integrated laser
Features: Double-action-only
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$509



RUGER REDHAWK

Caliber: .44 Mag, .45 LC, .45 Auto/.45 Colt
Barrel: 4.2", 5.5", 7.5"
Weight: 46-54 ounces
Grips: Hogue Monogrip, hardwood
Sights: Ramp front, adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Satin stainless
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$1,029-1,0879



SMITH & WESSON CLASSIC

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag, .38 Spl, .357 Mag, .41 Mag, .44 Mag, .45 LC
Barrel: 1.88", 4", 6", 6.5"
Weight: 19.5-48.5 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 5/6-shot
MSRP: \$739-1,169



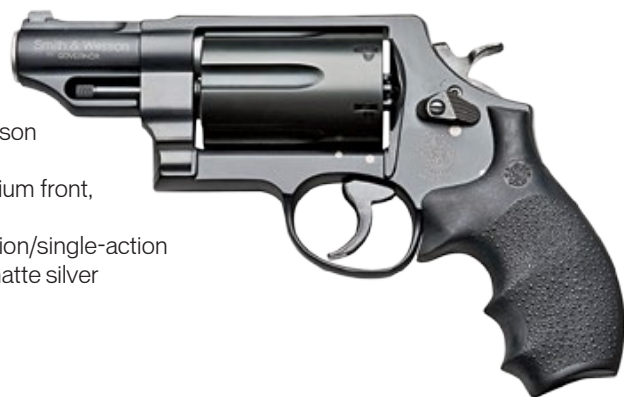
RUGER SP101

Caliber: .22 LR, .327 Mag, .38 Special +P, .357 Mag
Barrel: 2.25", 3.06", 4.20"
Weight: 25-30 ounces
Grips: Rubber with synthetic or wood inserts
Sights: Black ramp or fiber-optic front, fixed or adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action, double-action-only
Finish: Satin stainless
Capacity: 5/6(.327)/8(.22)-shot
MSRP: \$679-719



SMITH & WESSON GOVERNOR

Caliber: .45 LC, .45 ACP, .410
Barrel: 2.75"
Weight: 29.6 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Dovetailed tritium front, fixed rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte black, matte silver
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$809-1,119



RUGER SUPER REDHAWK

Caliber: .44 Mag, .454 Casull, .480 Ruger
Barrel: 2.5", 7.5", 9.5"
Weight: 44-58 ounces
Grips: Hogue
Sights: Ramp front, adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Satin stainless
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$1,079-1,119



SMITH & WESSON J-FRAME

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag, .38 Special +P, .357 Mag
Barrel: 1.88", 2.13", 3"
Weight: 10.8-26 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, wood, Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action, double-action-only
Finish: Satin stainless, matte silver, matte black
Capacity: 5/7/8-shot
MSRP: \$469-1,129



► SMITH & WESSON
K-FRAME

Caliber: .22 LR,
.357 Mag (Model 66),
.38 Special +P
Barrel: 4", 6"
Weight: 36-44.2 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Fixed
or adjustable
Features: Double-
action/single-action
Finish: Satin
stainless
Capacity: 6/10-shot
MSRP: \$689-849



► SMITH & WESSON
PERFORMANCE CENTER

Caliber: .38 Special, 9mm,
.357 Mag, .44 Special,
.44 Mag, .45 ACP
Barrel: 1.87"-8.3"
Weight: 15-57.7 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, wood
Sights: Adjustable front, integral,
red ramp, interchangeable front,
fixed or adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Matte black, satin stainless, matte silver
Capacity: 5/6/8-shot
MSRP: \$1,049-1,519



► SMITH & WESSON
L-FRAME

Caliber: .38 Special
+P, .357 Mag, .44 Mag (Model 69)
Barrel: 2.5", 3", 4", 6"
Weight: 34.1-44.9 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Red ramp front,
adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/
single-action
Finish: Satin stainless
Capacity: 6/7-shot
MSRP: \$829-849



► SMITH & WESSON
PRO SERIES

Caliber: .38 Special, .357 Mag
Barrel: 1.88", 2.13", 4"
Weight: 15-41.2 ounces
Grips: Wood, synthetic
Sights: Integral, tritium night,
interchangeable front, fixed,
tritium night, adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/
single-action, double-action-only
Finish: Satin stainless,
matte stainless, matte black
Capacity: 5/6/8-shot
MSRP: \$689-1,609



► SMITH & WESSON
M&P REVOLVERS

Caliber: .38 Special +P, .357 Mag
Barrel: 1.88", 5"
Weight: 11.4-26.7 ounces
Grips: Synthetic, Crimson
Trace Lasergrips
Sights: XS tritium, Patridge,
integral front, integral
or adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/
single-action
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 5/8-shot
MSRP: \$869-1,329



► SMITH & WESSON
X-FRAME

Caliber: .460 Mag, .500 Mag
Barrel: 3.5", 4", 5", 6.5",
7.5", 8.38", 10.5", 12"
Weight: 56.5-79.2 ounces
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Interchangeable
front, adjustable rear
Features: Double-
action/single-action
Finish:
Satin stainless
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$1,299-1,689



► SMITH & WESSON
N-FRAME

Caliber: .38 Special, .357 Mag,
.44 Special, .44 Mag, .45 ACP
Barrel: 2", 4", 5", 6", 6.5"
Weight: 25.1-48.3 ounces
Grips: Wood, synthetic
Sights: Hi-Viz, red ramp
or Patridge front,
adjustable rear
Features: Double-
action/single-action
Finish: Matte black, satin
stainless, matte stainless
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$949-1,159



► TAURUS JUDGE

Caliber: .45 LC, .410
(2.5- or 3-inch chamber)
Barrel: 2.5", 3", 6.5"
Weight: 22.4-36.8 ounces
Grips: Ribber
Sights: Fiber optic
Features: Double-action/
single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$483-598



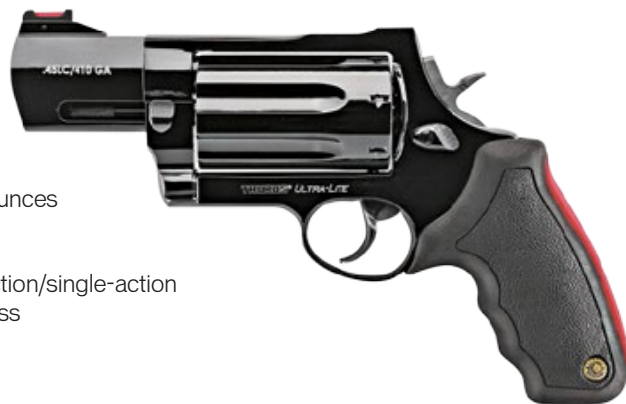
TAURUS LARGE FRAME

Caliber: .357 Mag, .44 Mag
Barrel: 4", 6.5", 8"
Weight: 44-57 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 6/8-shot
MSRP: \$640-780



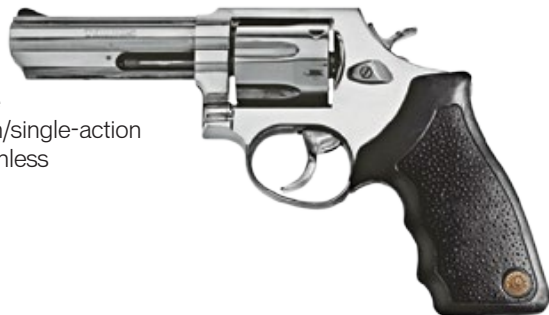
TAURUS RAGING JUDGE MAGNUM

Caliber: .45 LC,
.454 Casull, .410
Barrel: 3", 6.5"
Weight: 60.6-72.7 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, stainless
Capacity: 6-shot
MSRP: \$983-1,030



TAURUS MEDIUM FRAME

Caliber: .38 Special,
.357 Mag
Barrel: 4", 6"
Weight: 21-40 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed, adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 6/7-shot
MSRP: \$441-541



TAURUS SMALL FRAME

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag,
.380 ACP, .38 Special,
.357 Mag, 9mm
Barrel: 2", 3", 4", 5"
Weight: 13.2-27.5 ounces
Grips: Rubber, rosewood,
mother of pearl
Sights: Fixed, adjustable
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless, duo-tone
Capacity: 5/6/8/9-shot
MSRP: \$439-584



TAURUS PROTECTOR

Caliber: .38 Special,
.357 Mag
Barrel: 2"
Weight: 15.5-25 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed, adjustable
(Ultra-Lite only)
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$433-615



TAURUS TRACKER

Caliber: .17 HMR,
.22 LR, .22 Mag,
.357 Mag, .40, .41 Mag,
.44 Mag
Barrel: 2.5", 4", 6.5"
Weight: 28.8-45.6 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed ramp front, adjustable rear
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 5/7/9-shot
MSRP: \$477-600



TAURUS RAGING BULL

Caliber: .44 Mag, .454 Casull
Barrel: 2.25", 5", 6.5", 8.4"
Weight: 48-63 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Adjustable
Features: Double-action/
single-action
Finish: Blued, matte stainless
Capacity: 5/6-shot
MSRP: \$641-992



TAURUS ULTRA-LITE

Caliber: .44 Special
Barrel: 2"
Weight: 27.3-28.3 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed
Features: Double-action/single-action
Finish: Blued, stainless
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$666-747



BOND ARMS
BACKUP

Caliber: .45 ACP, interchangeable barrels.
Barrels: 2.5"
Weight: 18-19 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$435



BOND ARMS
RANGER II

Caliber: .45/.410 (3" chambers) interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 4.25"
Weight: 23.5 ounces
Grips: Black ash with silver star inlaid
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$634 (includes holster)



BOND ARMS
CENTURY 2000

Caliber: Over 20 Calibers from .22 LR to .45 LC and .410 interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 3.5"
Weight: 21 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, ash, custom laminated black
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$435



BOND ARMS
SNAKE SLAYER

Caliber: Over 20 Calibers from .22 LR to .45 LC and .410 interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 3.5", 4.25"
Weight: 21-23.5 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$470-500



BOND ARMS
COWBOY DEFENDER

Caliber: Over 20 Calibers from .22 LR to .45 LC and .410 interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 3"
Weight: 19 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, ash, custom laminated black
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$429



BOND ARMS
TEXAS DEFENDER

Caliber: Over 20 Calibers from .22 LR to .45 LC and .410 interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 3"
Weight: 19-20 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$399-415



BOND ARMS
MINI

Caliber: .45 Colt, .45 ACP, .38/.357, 9mm interchangeable barrels.
Barrels: 2.5"
Weight: 19 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, pink
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$389



BOND ARMS
USA DEFENDER

Caliber: Over 20 Calibers from .22 LR to .45 LC and .410 interchangeable barrels
Barrels: 3"
Weight: 19 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Blade front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Satin stainless steel
Capacity: 2-shot
MSRP: \$535



▶ NAA .22 LR

Caliber: .22 LR
Barrel: 1.13", 1.63"
Weight: 4 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, laminate, synthetic pearl, rubber, holster-grip
Sights: Blade front, notched rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$216-246



▶ NAA EARL

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag
Barrel: 2.5", 3", 4", 6"
Weight: 8.4-8.8 ounces
Grips: Rosewood
Sights: Bead front, fixed rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$291-338



▶ NAA .22 MAGNUM

Caliber: .22 Mag
Barrel: 1.13", 1.63"
Weight: 5.9-6.4 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, laminate, synthetic pearl, rubber, holster-grip
Sights: Blade front, notched rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$226-291



▶ NAA MINI-MASTER

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag
Barrel: 4"
Weight: 8.8-10.7 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$291-356



▶ NAA .22 SHORT

Caliber: .22 Short
Barrel: 1.13"
Weight: 4 ounces
Grips: Rosewood, laminate, synthetic pearl, rubber, holster-grip
Sights: Blade front, notched rear
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$216



▶ NAA PUG

Caliber: .22 Magnum
Barrel: 1"
Weight: 6.4 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Tritium
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$321-341



▶ NAA BLACK WIDOW

Caliber: .22 LR, .22 Mag
Barrel: 2"
Weight: 8.8-10.7 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fixed or adjustable
Features: Single-action
Finish: Stainless steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$281-341



▶ NAA SIDEWINDER

Caliber: 22 LR, 22 Mag.
Barrel: 1.5"
Weight: 6.7 ounces
Grips: Rosewood laminate, synthetic pearl, rubber, holster-grip
Sights: Stainless steel post
Features: Attached swing-out cylinder
Finish: Stainless Steel
Capacity: 5-shot
MSRP: \$356-426



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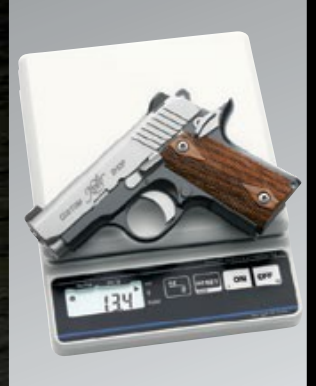
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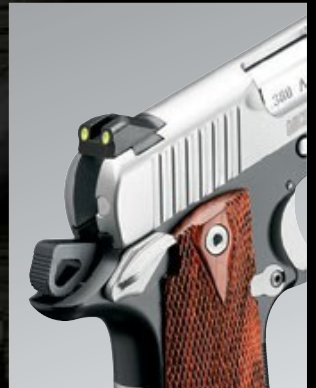
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